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NAZIS STEAL THE ALLIES' THUNDER!

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A review of Nazi propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles—accusing the Allies of the weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited. So the Nazis now proceed to try to discredit Allied news.

NAZI "WAR AIMS"

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims.

In the New Year message to the German people, Hitler decided to announce the German war aims. So he took over the war aims of the Allies!

Germany and Europe must be freed from violence and the perpetual threats which proceeded from England, he said.

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czecho-Slovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland.

EFFECTIVENESS OF BIG LIE

Still, it is in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of a "big lie" as opposed to a small one.

In order to keep the tyrannised German workers quiet, the Nazis rant about the tyranny exercised in the British Empire and go back to the 18th, 17th and 16th centuries to find examples. Similar methods are used in the propaganda about the sea war, religious freedom, free speech and so on.

It is interesting thus to watch the development of Nazi propaganda trying to conceal Nazi weaknesses, not by defending them, but by making similiar claims against the Allies.

Churchill's Speech Distorted

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—German propaganda is already trying to distort the speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester.

The newspaper, "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," which is in close touch with the Nazi Foreign Office, said that Mr. Churchill reproached neutrals for "shirking from what is alleged to be their war."

There is no attempt to prove this point or back it up and Mr. Churchill himself would be somewhat puzzled to find out where they got this idea except possibly from his reference to the fact that Nazi sympathy for neutrals has been chiefly shown by sinking their ships.

Opposition To Embargo

Gaining Headway In U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Efforts to side-track legislation to impose an embargo on exports to Japan, but to extend additional financial aid to China are gaining some headway in the Senate, according to current reports.

Informal Advice

It is stated that Mr. Cordell Hull has informally advised the legislative leaders that the State Department preferred that no embargo should be imposed at present.

Mr. Hull is represented as being opposed to a complication of the commercial treaty with Japan, as the expiration of the treaty automatically means that Japan must respect United States rights if she wishes to continue trading.

The Censor Thaws Out

Reveals Britain's Arctic Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter). —"The ice has been broken by the censor," chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during to-day's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen —and hence for German airmen —popular comments on "weather" at home have been dropped from Empire news bulletins for some time.

To-day, the censor allowed the B.B.C. to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago.

Coldest For 46 Years

This includes the coldest weather in 46 years, freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends.

"It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again."

Turkey Receives Allies' Gold

ANKARA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Gold valued at £15,000,000, granted under the recent Anglo-French-Turkish agreement to strengthen Turkey's exchange, has arrived by special train from Syria.

CENSORING THE POLITICIANS

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, is not making the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 26.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the defence regulations of Canada.

RIOTING IN RANGOON

Hooligans Create Disorder

SINGAPORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter). — The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession yesterday.

Only hooligan elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.

The area has been quiet since Saturday night.

Pres. Quezon Survivors

112 Landed At Kobe From Japanese Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

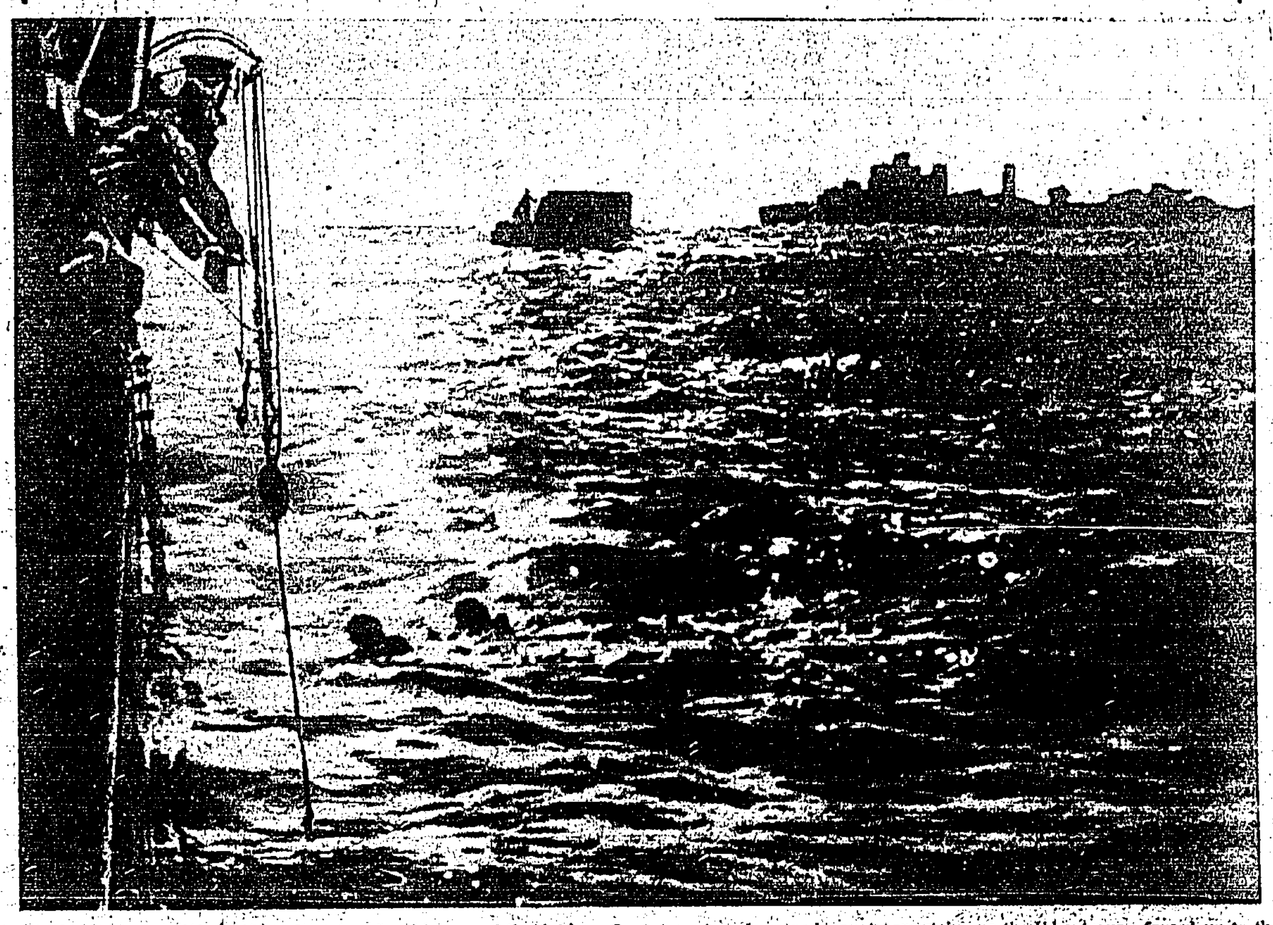
KOBE, Jan. 28 (Domei).—Thirteen passengers and 99 members of the crew of the liner President Quezon, which was wrecked off Tanegashima Island on Saturday morning, arrived here this afternoon aboard the O.S.K. liner Ukishima Maru.

The Ukishima Maru picked up them at the scene of the disaster.

It was understood that one person is missing. Most of the crew members are Filipinos.

Staying here overnight, they will leave for home to-morrow aboard the President Cleveland.

Dramatic Picture of Sinking U-Boat



This is the first photograph to be taken in this war of the sinking of a U-boat. Sound detectors told the destroyer that there was a pirate around, and depth charges were dropped. The U-boat made desperate efforts to get away unseen. But the depth-charges had found their target and water began to spurt in, so the U-boat was forced up to the surface. Immediately the destroyer fired on it. You can see two of the U-boat men swimming desperately to a rescuing British destroyer, while another, on the coning tower, prepares to leave the doomed craft.

FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

The report says that following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish war, shortage of food and fuel is rapidly increasing.

Diplomatic circles point out that internal unrest in the Soviet Union would have an immediate effect on the Soviet-Finnish war, and would eventually seriously bear on the developments of the European situation.

Nazi-Red Talks

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Reliable information reaching here says that M. Potemkin, the assistant Soviet Foreign Commissar, will shortly proceed to Berlin. The object of his trip is not made known.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Barbed-Wire Barricade Electrified

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (Domei). —The suggestion advanced by "United Press" that the tightening of the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would be linked with the expiration of the Japan-American treaty of commerce and navigation, has been denied by a Japanese spokesman.

Japanese military authorities on January 27 issued a communique announcing the electrification of the barbed wire fence surrounding the British and French Concessions which was suspended on August 20, 1939, will be resumed at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The fences will again be charged with electricity because of the activities of anti-Japanese elements which often were sneaking from the Concessions into the Japanese occupied area.

It is recalled that "United Press" did not mention the Japanese communique stating that the Japanese action was "coincident" with the expiration of the treaty.

British Help For Stricken Turks

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to earthquake victims reached Istanbul to-day.

He was given an official welcome. He is proceeding to the stricken area to-morrow.

Japanese Envoys Meet At Budapest

BUDAPEST, JAN. 27 (Domei).—A four-day conference of Japanese diplomats from various countries in Europe concluded to-day. The conference was calculated to exchange information and discuss recent developments in Europe, especially in the Balkans.

Conferees included Mr. Eiji Amau, the Japanese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Teruo Hachiya, Japanese Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Japanese Minister to Hungary, and Mr. Zuhiko Usami, Japanese Minister to Switzerland.

British Recruiting Office In France

PARIS, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris.

British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 60 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

Japanese Mass More Troops In Shansi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HINGTSI, Jan. 28 (Central). —Fighting in Shansi centres in the southeast part of the province.

After the collapse of their southward push from Changchih and Hukwan, the Japanese have massed some 6,000 troops for a new three-column drive in the same direction.

While engaging in front clashes, the Chinese are launching enveloping attacks at Changchih, Changtse and Hukwan to threaten the enemy bases.

They succeeded in breaking into Hukwan, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese. Several outer defence points of Changchih and Knoping have returned to Chinese control.

In south Shansi the Japanese are on the defensive after their failure to dislodge the Chinese in the Chungtiao Mountain Range in repeated drives.

To the west of the Tsin River the Chinese are bringing pressure to bear upon the Japanese occupying Fowshan, 22 miles east of Linfen. Several units of Japanese reinforcements have been driven back. The Japanese at Linfen are also menaced by increasing Chinese activities around the city.

PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

LATEST

QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE

Armed Robbers Seized Within Few Minutes

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hongkong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered.

The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Cheong Street, occupied by the Luen Fat money-changing establishment.

Five men, all armed with revolvers, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the revolver.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door.

They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Tai hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

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Sir Kingsley Wood Meets Polish Airmen

"WITH MY FOREHEAD I GREET YOU"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"Soldiers, with my forehead I greet you," said Sir Kingsley Wood in Polish when he visited on Saturday several hundred Polish airmen who are now connected with the R.A.F. somewhere in England.

"With our forehead, Mr. Minister, we greet you," replied the Poles in their own language.

The Poles wear R.A.F. uniforms with the addition of the Polish eagle on the caps and the word "Poland" on the sleeves.

The Polish national flag flies from the same mast as the R.A.F. flag over their aerodrome.

CHINESE DENY "PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE ENVOY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Referring to the allegation by a Japanese military spokesman on January 25th of a Chinese plot to assassinate Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, in an effort to cause a crisis in the Japanese-American relations, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated to-day that this was absolutely groundless.

The spokesman said he was most surprised that such an irresponsible statement should have been made by a Japanese official spokesmen.

The spokesman declared that he did not know whether there was any ulterior motive behind this allegation. But in view of the Japanese machine-gunning of the former British Ambassador to China Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the bombing of the Panay he hoped that such an irresponsible statement on the part of the Japanese would not lead to any irresponsible action.

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Combined Chinese Beat Civilians 4-2

(Continued from Page 6.)

Hau, dashed in and sent the ball rasping into the goal.

PRESSING HARD

THE CIVILIANS pressed harder than ever before, Pryde missed a header, 'Bertie' a terrific drive from just outside the penalty area. Forrow and Bickford both sent in winners which were all, however, just off the mark. The Chinese could only manage periodical raids which became more dangerous as the Civilian neglected defence and concentrated on attack. A sudden breakaway by the Chinese, Chan returned Chung's pass to him for the latter to dash up and centre Blackburn was too late in covering Hau who beat Taylor with another drive.

Civilians.—Taylor; Blackburn, Bone; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, Honniball; Rubjahn, Pryde, B. Gosano, Forrow and Bickford.

Chinese.—Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Leung Wing-chiu, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-seng; Chung Ying-sum, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Waitong and Hau Ching-to.

Referees 2 Press 0

It would happen to the Press!

After a blank first half, a second, in which they were the more aggressive and were aided by the stiff wind, they not only failed to score but allowed the Referees to sneak two goals in quick succession and carry the day in their annual match which served as a curtain raiser for the Chinese-Civilian match.

With few exceptions, two in fact, the Press fielded a team of either veterans or players who were making their first acquaintance with a football. One Press player thought a "T-Ball" was a tea dance for high government officials. He never had such an assignment.

The Referees, upholders of the Association Laws, were the chief breakers of them. They displayed their elbows like true mannequins.

K. K. Ip, former South China star, was the star turn for the Referees in the forward line, and led his men well. Salter, in goal was safe and was the mainstay of the Referees' defence saving time and again from 'terrific' bombardments by the Press.

Brokenshire, in goal for the Press gave an inspired performance under the circumstances, the shots that beat him were real eye-openers.

The Press kicked off facing the wind and pegged away at the Ref's goal. Au Shu-ngok teamed well with Martin, who in turn partnered well with Munton on the right wing. Omar, on the left wing, came in for some nice runs down the wing. The halves were very weak and it was left to the defence to break up the Ref's movements which they did nicely.

MORE THRILLS

THE SECOND HALF provided more thrills than the first. The Press kept the Refs in their own area till in a sudden breakaway the latter scored. Demee and Ip were to the fore. Shortly after, the Referees again found the net when Brokenshire had partially cleared a hard drive by Demee; the ball was tapped into the net with him unbalanced.

The Press were always trying hard for goals but they did not come.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

LETTERS

That Barrage

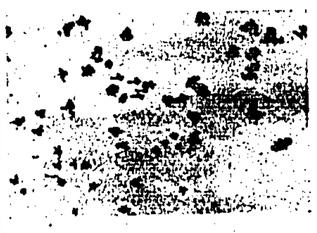
To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to the "remarkable" Domei Photo under the caption "Another amazing war picture" and showing "French anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting around a flight of German planes" that appeared in your issues of the 25th and 26th January, I enclose page 190 of the publication "Popular Flying" for July, 1938, which, you will note, contains exactly the same photograph, with the appended description:

"Dogs of war a' barking—but these dogs have lost their teeth.—A bright display of imitation Archies put into benefit of Herr Hitler, on the occasion of his recent visit to that country."

I am still wondering "What is Truth?"

PILATE.



THE PHOTOGRAPH, reproduced above, was published in good faith. It seems certain that "Domei", who regularly receive photographs from reputable sources in Paris, London, New York and Berlin, have been the victim of a hoax. The local office of the Japanese agency are instituting immediate enquiries in Tokyo. They believe that the original photograph and caption came from Berlin as in illustration of the daring of German airmen. This, of course, would explain any perversion of the truth.—Ed.

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HUXLEY SEES NO LIMIT TO FUTURE OF MANKIND

WASHINGTON.—With an expression of faith at this dark hour of human affairs in the perfectability of men and in their "unlimited future," Julian S. Huxley, British scholar and natural scientist, declared here that the progress of the scientific method will undoubtedly succeed in producing a stable and well regulated society in the end.

"We need have no fear for the future of social science," he said. Following in the path of gradual self-correction and improvement hewed out by natural science, "it, too, will pass through similar phases from its present infancy.

"By the time that the profession of social science, pure and applied, includes as many men and women as are now engaged in natural science, it will have solved major problems of new method, and the results will have altered the whole intellectual climate."

Dr. Huxley spoke this week end at a banquet in his honour arranged by the Smithsonian Institution, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Scientific Monthly. His theme was essentially an optimistic one, tracing the different problems of values, bias, research, and correlation which are faced by the scientific method when it turns from natural to social science, but always indicating from the speaker's broad background that in due time these problems can and will be solved. His topic dealt with the fields of economics, sociology, and government and did not enter into the problems of metaphysics.

Problems In Exactness

Outlining some of the problems in the field of social science, Dr. Huxley said:

"In the first place, the social scientist absorbs certain ideas from familiar methods of his own culture will tend to be accepted as more natural and feasible than they really are.

"Values are deliberately excluded from the purview of natural science: but social science must include them. Values and all that they connote of motive, emotion, qualitative hierarchy, and the rest constitute some of the most important data with which the social scientist must deal." But how can natural science deal with them? he asked. It must "aim at quantitative treatment: how can it deal with the irreducible absolutes of quality?" Natural science, Dr. Huxley said, "must be morally neutral and dispassionate: how can the social scientist handle the ethical bases of morality, the motives of passion?

Judgment Of Values

"Let us be frank with ourselves. There is a sense in which social science can never become fully and vigorously scientific. To understand and describe a system involving values is impossible without some judgment of values. . . .

"However, this is not quite so serious as at first sight appears. Even in natural science regarded as pure knowledge, one value-judgment is implicit—belief in the value of truth. . . . The application of natural science is guided by considerations of utility. Utility is still a value-judgment. . . .

"Thus, rather crudely, we may say that in respect of the problem of values, social science is faced by the same difficulties as in natural science . . . The value-problem begins earlier for social science in the pure instead of the applied stage, that is all."

Practical Application

Turning, then, to more detailed applications of social science to present day affairs, Dr. Huxley said that society must "multiply at least tenfold, perhaps fifty-fold, the proportion of individuals and organisations devoted to obtaining information, to planning, correlation, and the flexible control of execution." The speaker added that present agencies working for these ends were inadequate.

"Newspapers and books, radio, universal education—these and other points of technological and social advance have given us in primitive form the mechanisms needed," he said. "At the moment, however, they are being, in the light of biological analogy, largely misapplied.

Need For Readjustment

"Education stops dead for most people in early adolescence, and concerns itself mainly with providing specialised techniques together with a bit of adolescent 'culture.' The cinema to-day is primarily an escape mechanism.

"Newspapers distort the balance of truth in the service of political or financial interests, and are driven by competition for advertising into sensation-mongering. The radio is as yet essentially a collection of scraps, a functional patchwork.

"Art as a communal function is moribund and needs to be recreated on a new social basis. Religion is in a similar position, and much of the population no longer feels its influence."

Whatever form the future organisations of society might take, Dr. Huxley said he believed present conditions justified the immediate abandonment of laissez-faire in favour of social and economic planning.

Dr. Huxley dealt somewhat briefly with the lessons which the social sciences can learn from biology, reading only a small portion of his text on this aspect, and plans to develop this subject further in other lectures on his present tour through the United States. The whole forms the subject matter of a book to be published shortly.

LATEST MOVIES

For Soldiers On Western Front

LONDON.—Three mobile film units have now left Britain for France, to entertain troops in the most advanced sections of the line. The Army is on wheels, so it has been decided that entertainment should be on wheels, too.

The chief film companies are giving their fullest co-operation towards the task of providing the British Expeditionary Force with the best entertainment within their powers. In some cases new films are to be exhibited to the troops before they reach the cinemas of London. Among the films already sent over to France are thrillers, slapstick comedies, and musical plays.

But, although the Army is mechanised, it is to be given mechanised entertainment only. Living players are already being rehearsed in London for shows with which they are due to open in France at the beginning of December. Near the front line concert parties are to consist of men only, but in areas outside the range of immediate fire more elaborate programmes are to be given with mixed casts, and reasonably efficient and complicated fittings, costumes, and lighting.

Several celebrated people are connected with these shows. Sir Seymour Hicks, Jack Buchanan, and Leslie Henson are planning to go with parties overseas. Later on it is intended to form permanent theatrical companies for service in France.

These entertainments are being organised by the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute. Every show begins with a song—

"We'll remember the meadows
And the fields of waving corn;
We'll remember the music
Of the land where we were born."

This is written and composed by Ivon Novello, author of "Keep the Home Fires Burning," one of the most popular songs of the Four Years' War. Mr. Novello is himself organising an entertainment for the troops, consisting of musical extracts from his various Drury Lane shows.

The cinema and theatre, however, are being put to more serious use in connection with the Army than is indicated in these activities. The Young Men's Christian Association is co-operating with the Christian Cinema and Religious Film Society in the showing of religious pictures to members of the Home Defence units round London. This society is also preparing a scheme whereby the hundreds of churches which used to hold religious film services before the Nation-wide black-out stopped their activities may resume operations.

LEAVE FOR A PRISONER

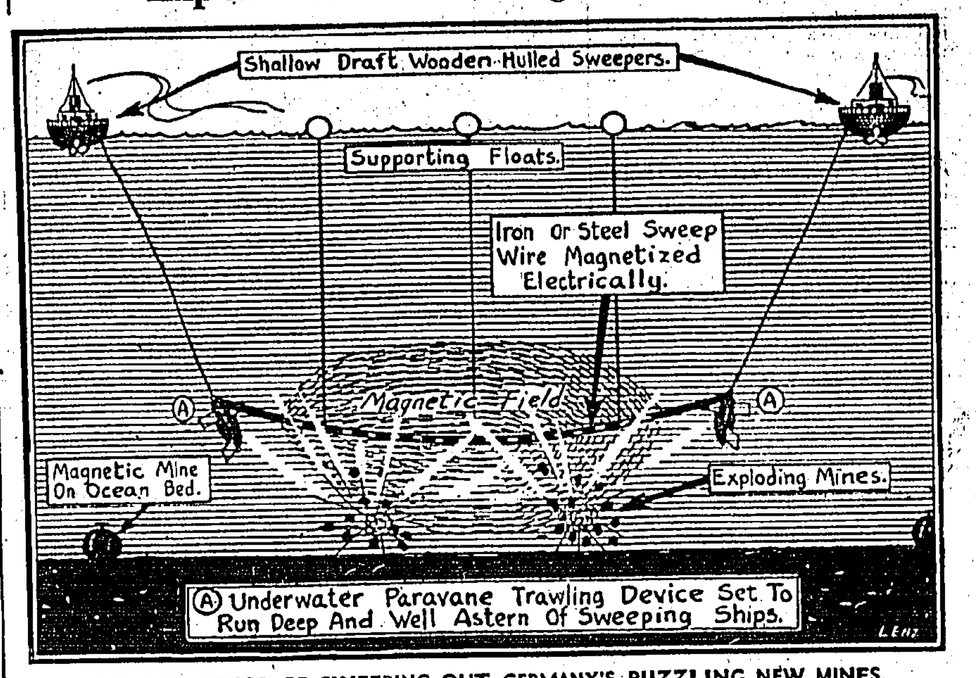
RESCUED SHIP'S SENTRY

Because of his heroism when the Belfast was damaged by explosion in the Firth of Forth a young able-seaman who was locked in a cell as a defaulter was given a day's shore leave.

When the explosion occurred the sentry outside his cell door was injured. He unlocked the door and his "prisoner," watched by officers and crew, picked up the injured sentry, carried him on deck, and tended him until doctors arrived.

The defaulter did not belong to the Belfast. In fact, the Belfast crew pride themselves on the fact that not one of them has been detained for any breach of regulations since the ship was commissioned.

Expert Hits at Magnetic Mines



POSSIBLE METHOD OF SWEEPING OUT GERMANY'S PUZZLING NEW MINES. Although the British have announced they have developed a successful counter weapon to the magnetic mine, actual details are unknown.

BRITAIN FINDS DEVICE TO SWEEP OUT MINES

LONDON.—The Royal Navy has found counter weapons for the German magnetic mine, naval circles have disclosed.

Apparatus is being installed in ships on a large scale and the authorities are confident it will prove successful in sweeping estuaries and trade channels where German submarines and planes have planted mines.

The design of the new apparatus is an Admiralty secret, but one naval authority expressed the opinion it would master the magnetic mine.

With the secret of Germany's magnetic mines now revealed, observers are speculating on the safest and most effective means of disposing of the undersea menace.

With the World War type of mine it was possible to drag at some distance from the mine sweeper for the cable which conected the floating mine with its anchor. This line was cut, and when the mine bobbed to the surface it could be set off with rifle fire.

Safest Way?

By a Naval Expert

But with the new type of magnetic mine, of which three were recently salvaged intact by the British, mine-sweeping operations take on a somewhat more complicated aspect.

[Details of the magnetic mine, given in The Christian Science Monitor Dec. 7, indicate that the mine lying on the ocean floor is actuated by a small coil-wound bar. A steel-hulled ship passing overhead acts as a permanent magnet, inducing a small current which makes the coil-wound bar operate as an electromagnet, releasing the firing device.]

Inasmuch as the magnetic mine is actuated by steel-hulled ships, wooden craft are the first requisite for the new mine-sweeping operations.

One possible scheme would be to blow the mines up by dragging a magnetized sweep over them. This would require two wooden-hulled trawlers travelling at a suitable distance apart. From each ship would be extended a line, held below the surface at the proper distance by a so-called paravane or "kite"—a device equipped with vanes which, when in motion in the water, tends to pull below the surface.

Between the two kites would be a sweep of heavy wire rope, or one-inch chain, suitably wired for being magnetized electrically. The kites could be set so that the sweep would clear the bottom and be towed well astern of the two light-draft sweepers.

If necessary, floats could be employed to take up the sag which might result from the heavy sweep, extending any distance between the kites, and tending to pull the kites together.

The toll in ruined sweeps would be high, but a plentiful supply of spares would keep the sweepers going.

Meanwhile, it will be interesting to learn how Britain recovered specimens of the German magnetic mines. Having no buoyancy, these mines could not have drifted ashore or have been swept up by conventional means.

The only alternative method appears to have been to send a diver down to locate one of the mines and devise a means of hoisting it out of the water.

Such an operation would obviously require great risks, both on the part of the diver, and on the part of those engaged in hoisting and transporting the mine to shore.

Moreover, the entire procedure constitutes a most delicate operation.

She Was Robbed, Arrested As Spy, Went Foodless

Sunday Express Special Representative

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Priscilla Pritchard walked into the Sunday Express offices yesterday penniless and worried by a debt of £40 to the British Foreign Office. It meant much more to her than her nightmare journey from Poland, which started at the beginning of September and had just come to an end.

Her mother, a doctor's semi-invalid widow living on a small farm at Ulverston, Lancashire, had no news of her after the German invasion until Priscilla reached Kaunas, in Lithuania, on November 2. She had been reported dead.

Miss Pritchard had lived in Warsaw since 1938 as companion to a wealthy Polish woman. When the German invasion began she decided to get back to England at once and, on September 2, the day before Britain declared war, she obtained the visa which would allow her to leave for Latvia.

Here is the rest of her story, as she told it to me:—

Two Days' Wait

"It was September 5 before I got the ticket to take me on the train to Vilna. But the train did not leave for two whole days, during which I sat on my cases at the station.

"While waiting in the station crowds I was robbed of my wallet, containing 150 zlotys and my ticket. I had to buy another ticket, and started the journey with only 120 zlotys.

"In three days the train travelled only forty miles.

"On the third day we had our first bite of food.

"The only time we were free from the dread of the bombs was at night. We had bombing all through the day every ten minutes or so. Occasionally we had a respite of half an hour.

"It got so bad on the third day that we got out of the train to walk. The German planes came skimming the top of the train.

Hid In Wood

"About twenty of us hid in a small wood, between Minsk and Seidlic.

"The German observers must have seen us, and down they swooped. I will never forget one little boy. He was about twelve years old. He ran out from his cover, and was killed by machine-gun bullets. He was not the only one.

"We set out to walk to Seidlic, about four miles away. When we arrived the town was in flames.

"So we started to walk from Seidlic to Brezse, a distance of about twenty miles.

"At Brezse came the German bombers again. The people were fleeing. I left at three in the morning.

"After that we progressed as far as Lwow. It was so near freedom I wept. But the Germans had arrived before us, and bit by bit we fell back to Brezse . . . until the Russians arrived.

"I had been travelling with two officers named Ludvik and Edward.

"At Brezse Ludvik found some of his friends, and they gave us food and shelter. Here, outside a little Catholic church, he proposed to me.

"Friends of Ludvik gave me money for a ticket to Vilna. At Vilna I was arrested as a spy. When the Lithuanians arrived there—I think it was October 31—I was allowed to go. The British consul at Kaunas arranged for my ticket home."

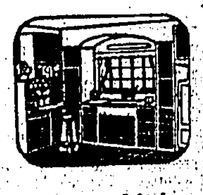
Interport XV Beat Rest

(Continued from Page 6.)

Rutherford gave a good service from the scrum. Roscoe, at fullback, was kept busy having generally to fall in on the wing to take the opposing winger. That the Rest did not score was due to good tackling by the fullback.

Roe was a steady full-back for the Rest. Bowden, Jackson and Burrell played well in a three-quarter line which was put out of gear frequently by a faulty stand-off half. Foley worked hard at scrum-half. Among the forwards, Ferris, Miller, Dempsey and Sheldrake caught the eye occasionally.

Foley scored for the Rest near the flag. With a magnificent kick Burrell converted. After hitting an upright with a free-kick, McRae later kicked a penalty goal to obtain three points for Club.



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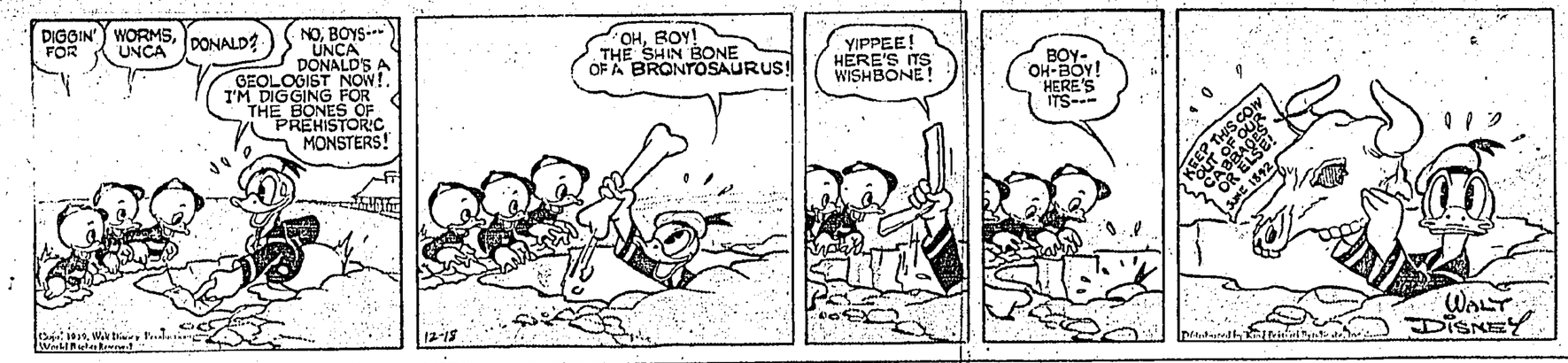

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NURSE ASHLEY went off duty at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, to become for twenty-four hours the Hon. Mrs. R. M. C. Ashley, at her home, The Hall, Six-Mile Bottom, near New-market, which stands in 8,000 acres of shooting ground.

For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as "the £70,000-a-year bride," is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a whist drive to raise money for comforts for the troops.

Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

"But I like it," she said. "I am really happy in my job.

"I detest the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.

"I have qualified as a junior probationer nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day when I appeared with a little lipstick on matron told me to go and wash my face.—She was quite right. I never did it again.

"None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.

Like Waterloo

"Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.

"Poor things! They were homesick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying 'Thank you for a nice holiday.'"

But she didn't tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn't tell me that at a soldiers' camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

Doing Her Bit

She didn't tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

"She's a lovely lady," he said. "and certainly doing her share to win the war. I've known her since she was so high."

And Mrs. Gardner added, "She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day's nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can't do too much for us or for the soldiers."

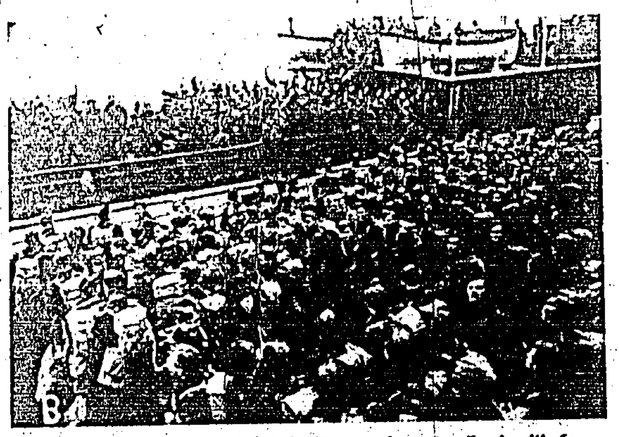
Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten; as wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward . . . to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS loading "Somewhere in England" for the first time in 32 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

Armed Robberies

Two armed robberies in villages on the outskirts of Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday.

Six or seven men armed with revolvers entered a shop at 46 Ngau Tau Kok village on Saturday night. They held up the master, Mau Mun, 41, and ransacked the premises, taking $32 and a quantity of cigarettes.

Violence was used by a gang of three men who entered a house occupied by Tse Shum, 36, vegetable gardener, in Kong Pau Tin village about 1 a.m. yesterday. One of the robbers produced a revolver and kept Tse covered while the other two attempted to tie him up.

Tse struggled, and was hit on the face and head with poles. The armed man opened fire, but did not hit anyone. With Tse lying disabled on the ground, the robbers ransacked the house and decamped. Tse was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by neighbours.

JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was reprieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: "There is only one sentence." He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

"I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case."

Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncur gave Mrs. Clema Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

1898 KILLER LEFT FORTUNE

SAN FRANCISCO (UP).—If Barney the cook is still alive, a fortune awaits him, and he need have no fear that he will be tried for a killing 42 years ago.

Barney the cook, whose name was either Owen Kenney or Eugene Kenney, has not been seen since he ran from a San Francisco court room 33 years ago just before he was freed on a writ of habeas corpus because records connecting him with the slaying of Patrick Dolan had been destroyed in the earthquake and fire.

H. H. McPike, former United States Attorney, revealed that Barney's brother had died and left blocks of real estate in New York and Brooklyn.

McPike recalled that in 1897 Barney killed Dolan. He charged Dolan, a bartender, had robbed him of $2,000.

Barney was sent to the State Hospital for the Insane and in 1906 he was pronounced cured and returned to San Francisco for trial on the murder charge.

FILM STRIKE OFF

Hollywood film studio workers have been granted wage increases and the strike will not take place. This was announced by the workers' representatives.

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Diminishing Mercy

The treatment of the Poles and the Czechs by their German masters takes the mind back to the worst legends of the great Asiatic conquerors. These two nations are to be turned into slave States. They are regarded by the German Government as so many millions of human beings whose homes, property, lives, and labour are to be used by their conquerors at their pleasure. It is amazing, when we read of these expropriations, these forced migrations, these plans for settling Poles and Czechs where they can best serve their masters, to think that the ruler of Germany still speaks of the Treaty of Versailles as a monster of injustice.

A decree has been issued in Berlin stating that compulsory labour service for projects of particular State importance was to be enforced in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. What is there in the Treaty of Versailles comparable with this? If that treaty was intolerably harsh, what would be said of it if it had provided that great numbers of Germans were to be rooted up from their homes and set down in Britain and France to work for the British and French Governments? In what language would it have been described not only in Germany but in Britain as well? At this moment great bodies of Polish civilians are so employed in Germany. Poles and Czechs are treated as chattels.

The Germans hope by these methods not only to serve their large exploiting plans but also to break the spirit of the two nations.

The terrible events of the last few years suggest a sad reflection. The world to-day is more humane in most respects than it was a century ago, but the use made of power by those who can seize it is more ruthless. Napoleon was ruined by his fantastic ambition, but he was a merciful conqueror when compared with Hitler. He did not fill the Europe he mastered with concentration camps or flood with unnumbered fugitives the Europe that was still free. There were countries where his rule was remembered with gratitude and almost with affection. As for his nephew, Napoleon III of the second Empire, the worst that can be said of him would paint a ruler mild and tolerant if we turn to our modern dictators. He was responsible for the casualties of the coup d'etat of December, 1851, but he did not will them. Indeed the bloodshed in the streets of Paris was as damaging to his interests as it was distressing to his temperament. To-day nobody can read Victor Hugo's chastisement of a tyranny that would seem to-day hardly to deserve the name without thinking of the thunder that would have shaken Europe if he had lived to see the planned massacres, the concentration camps, the cold and deliberate cruelty on which Hitler builds his State. What is the significance of this growth of ruthlessness? One explanation is that both Napoleons wanted something besides power for themselves and their State. Hitler wants to use the European peoples whom he can subdue, as he would use any colonies he might recover, as reservoirs of human labour for the service of the German race. He sees the life of man in no other aspect. His pursuit of this purpose is undisturbed by any of the larger impulses that moved the Napoleons. The traditions to which he reverts are not those of Roman but of Oriental empire. That is why the struggle on which we are engaged to-day, and the constructive efforts on which we hope to be engaged to-morrow, have for their object the defence of the most elementary of the rights of man.

TIME BOMB!

WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

ROME.

FORTY-FOUR MILLION Italians have ringside seats, ensconced behind the bulwarks of the Alps, watching the European war. They are fearful of what the future will bring.

Mussolini's recent messages have caused widespread relief, in spite of official cold douches from London and Paris, and hopes that the nations will sit down at a conference to discuss European ills are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consolidate a Southern European peace bloc are followed with keen interest. His first success, scored with Greece, and the conversations now proceeding with Yugo-Slavia are hopeful signs that the Duce's dream of a united Southern Eusopem peace front is still maturing. Bulgaria is considered a good ally, linked by marriage to Italy's royal house, while Hungary is a proven friend.

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Rumania's position is uncertain, but the Italian forecast, following the Soviet's move along her border, is that Rumania will veer under Italy's wing. Reports of the withdrawal of Italian troops concentrated in the Dodecanese, which were relayed from London, are evidence of a gesture towards Turkey and of the Duce's peaceful thrust in Southern Europe continuing.

The results of the Turkish Foreign Minister's Moscow visit are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian neutrality has kept Turkey at bay and it is felt that Ciano has played the first move on the Southern European chessboard brilliantly. Practical Italians foresee fruitful exchanges of raw materials between Italy and the Balkans now that the Nazis are busy fighting.

Unhampered sea communications offer an excellent way of reviving the anaemic ports of Fiume and Trieste for communications with the Balkans. The Balkans have many materials which Italy can buy in exchange for machinery and manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia of the Italian man-in-the-street, who is poring over maps displayed in shop windows showing the Russian gains, is:

"Well, Russia seems to be doing well. Chi ci capisce niente? (who understands anything about it?)."

Russia's entry into Axis high society is a blow and raises many questions. Italians do not understand why Britain and France have not helped Poland.

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German propaganda is stressed. The distribution of pamphlets by British bombers is considered childish by Italians with allied leanings. If leaflets can be thrown, why not send planes to Poland to destroy German planes, they ask.

The inherent sympathy of the Italian man in the street for Britain is manifested in small ways as is also admiration for Britain and France for taking on the colossal German war machine. There is no question but that Italian faith in the Duce is very firm, though there is a whispering campaign unparalleled in seventeen years of Fascism. The queerest stories, apparently quite unfounded, are whispered from lips to lips. Mussolini, knowing full well the pulse of the nation, since he is informed what Italians say every morning by his chief carabineers and police chiefs, found the appropriate moment to stem this campaign, which, according to diplomatic circles, will now be relentlessly curbed.

What of the future? Italians are philosophical, for the present neutrality is assured for at least one month. But the question is: "What happens if Hitler calls?" That the Pope and the Duce are working for peace is comforting, but an ominous sign is seen in recent broadcasts extolling the valour of the heroes of the last war. A.R.P. instructions are especially broadcast in the lunch-hour telling how one should deal with gas-bombs and burning lofts, and so on, and how to economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to increase her foreign trade with a save and sell campaign, Italy appears to be taking no chances. A modest Italian woman asked me: "Why do nations scrap like women in a back court when a mutual interchange of deficient materials would solve all their difficulties?"

There is a widespread feeling of sympathy with Poland and respect for the valour of the Polish troops, but in the view of practical observers Poland would have benefited by climbing down to the German demands, as is evidenced by the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very busy concerning on tightening her belt still further—a practice indulged in since the beginning of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolutionised. We are short of coffee and young men are unable to take their best girls for a Sunday drive. Private cars are allowed only for the "national interest." The platinum blondes are barred from their moonlit car drives.

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The nation is calm, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness about what the future holds. There is a widespread impression that every day out of war profits the nation as a whole, and that time may find a solution which will not involve the Italians and will cure the world once and for all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the street congregates round the wireless sets to hear the latest bulletins from the Western Front. He is very curious to know how the impregnable Maginot and Siegfried barriers can be pierced.

By B. Mackenzie
News Chronicle Rome Correspondent

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Gad! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar to spend!"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Fifteen A Month Is Peak

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—The Berlin correspondent of the "New York Times" reports the failure of Germany's attempt to make submarines on a mass production basis. The possible peak of production would not exceed 15 a month—not one daily as the German Press suggested.

According to the best estimates, Germany had only about 50 submarines left. One-third of these were always subject to overhauling and one-third was kept in reserve; hence only 20 were available for actual operations at one time.

The submarines taken over from the Soviet had proved inadequate.

REVIEW BY CHURCHILL

London, Jan. 27.

Mr. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was enthusiastically received when he addressed a large audience at Manchester to-day. He reviewed the five months of the war, declaring that never had the British people entered a war with such united conviction that they could do nothing else.

They need not fear that the task they had taken up would be too big for them, declared Mr. Churchill. He could not say whether the course of the war would be long or short, but he was quite sure that the British Empire and the French Republic, once they had got moving—and they were on the move—would be far stronger together than Hitler Germany.

Hitler had boasted that he had 90,000,000 people under his rod, but nearly 20,000,000 of these had to be forcibly kept down by the others.

The Allies had 85,000,000 in their homelands and 20,000,000 more in the British Dominions whose armies were hastening to the battle-front; and beyond these were those countries of other races which owed allegiance to the British Crown or the French Republic and which regard Nazi-ism as a deadly menace to their future progress.

"Must Grow More Food"

Mr. Churchill continued: "We are embarking on a widespread rationing scheme because we have to save every ton of imports to increase the output of munitions and extend our export trade, thus gaining foreign credits with which to buy more munitions—so that the whole life and energy of the British Nation and Empire and of the Allies to the last ounce may be directed to the task.

"Room must be found for all men and women, young and old. We must grow more food and accommodate ourselves to eating the kind of food we can grow.

"Millions of new workers will be needed and more than a million women must come into the war industry. If trade unionists lay aside for the duration of the war their special craft usages they need not fear that these will not be fully restored after the war is won."—*Reuter.*

Exmouth Death Roll

London, Jan. 27.

The Admiralty announced the names of 15 officers lost on H.M.S. Exmouth as follows. — Captain Richard Stoddart Benson, Paymaster Sub-Lieutenant Derek David Bower, Acting Gunner Henry George Thomson Barter, Gunner Alfred Henry Budden, Lieut. Ian William Macdonald Gill, Sub-Lieut. Brien Gore-Booth, Lieut. Caesar Charles Hawkins, Lieut. John Loveday, Surgeon-Lieut. George Alexander Maxwell Maxwell-Smith, Warrant-Engineer Cyril John Morton, Lieut. John Roland Olive, Lieut. James George Franklin Watkinson Roberts, Paymaster-Lieut. Leslie Sutherland, Midshipman Peter Leslie Watson.—*United Press.*

Reuter adds that the Exmouth losses were announced as 15 officers and 173 ratings.

GALA PREMIERE FOR CHARITY

The major part of the proceeds of the gala premiere of the picture "Juarez", starring Paul Muni and Bette Davis, which will take place on February 6, at 9.30 p.m. at the King's Theatre, will be devoted to the International Peace Hospital for the care of wounded soldiers in China.

The film, which deals with the liberation of Mexico, has been called the best picture of 1939, and Paul Muni's characterisation of Juarez, the country's greatest President, is perhaps the most successful of his career.

His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

JAPANESE NOT SATISFIED WITH LEGAL ARGUMENT

British Note To Protest Handed To Mr. Arita

The British note in reply to the Japanese protest against the interception of the Asama Maru has been handed to the Japanese Government. It sets out the British case fully. The Japanese term it merely legalistic and are said to be about to lodge a second protest.

Meanwhile, according to a Shanghai report, Britain is to make strong representations concerning the reportedly retaliatory boarding of the British ship Wing Sang near Foochow.

It is understood that the Japanese Government has instructed its shipping companies not to carry as passengers belligerents of military age. There are 39 on the Hakusan Maru now crossing the Pacific. The Germans from the Asama Maru have reached Hongkong.

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

It is understood in well-informed quarters that following receipt of the British reply on Saturday, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, will lodge a second formal protest with the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, regarding the Asama Maru case early next week.

The new Japanese protest, it is believed, will refute the British claims on International Law and demand the handing over of the German passengers removed from the Japanese liner Asama Maru.

After the interview between Foreign Minister Arita and Ambassador Craigie, leaders of the Foreign Office met in a conference on Saturday afternoon.

Foreign Office authorities are, it is understood, of the opinion that the British reply lacks any special consideration for removing the unpleasant atmosphere between Japan and Britain "from a broad viewpoint."

Upon receipt of fresh instructions from London, the British Ambassador will seek another interview with the Foreign Minister early next week. It is understood that during the forthcoming conversations the questions of release of the German passengers and a future guarantee will be taken up.—*Domei.*

The Conversation

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

Domei learned from authoritative sources that discrepancy was evident following the interview between the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, and the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, on Saturday afternoon on the Asama Maru affair.

Ambassador Craigie handed a copious note to Foreign Minister Arita. It was understood that the British reply was practically of the same substance as that of the statement issued by Ambassador Craigie to the Press.

Informed quarters understand that the British note pointed out that the stopping of the Asama Maru and the removal of German passengers were lawfully carried out in accordance with the right of a belligerent Power under International Law.

It is understood that the note further pointed out that the Germans were on their way home by order of their home Government at the latter's expense and that it was evident that upon return home they were to be embodied into armed forces immediately.

The British Government hold that the clause of the London Declaration providing for the seizure of enemy nationals embodied into armed forces can be extended to apply to reserves.

In a country organized as Nazi Germany, there is practically no difference between the arrest of combatants including reserves and that of all males of military age.

The British note stresses that the British Government is fully convinced of the legality of the taking away of Germans and the stopping of the Asama Maru by the British Navy. Devoted to the expositions of legalistic views, the note also suggests a refusal of the proposed release of the Germans taken away.

Amplifying the note, Ambassador Craigie told Mr. Arita that though in accordance with the belligerent right under International Law, it was quite unfortunate that some aspects of the practical steps have provoked the feelings of the Japanese people. He affirmed that British authorities had never intended to do anything derogatory to the prestige of the Japanese nation.

He further pointed out that the Germans removed from the Asama Maru were all technicians well versed in Diesel engines and it was definitely certain that upon their return home they would be included into submarine crews.

The British Government cannot allow such enemy nationals to return home while though they would pay attention to the Japanese representations so as to respect fully Japan's prestige still they would not be able to modify their views on International Law.

Ambassador Craigie assured Mr. Arita that the British Government was ready to make consultation with a view to preventing the recurrence of unfortunate incidents with Japan.

Japanese Reply

Replying, the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita, reminded the Ambassador that the Japanese Government has already informed the British Government that their views on the London Declaration were different from the British.

Setting aside the legal technicalities, the Japanese Government and people have been extremely provoked by the fact that a Japanese ship was stopped and German passengers have been removed from the ship on the seas close to the main land of the Empire in accordance with a view incongruous to the view of the Japanese Government.

According to the prevailing feeling of the Japanese people, the detention of Germans was inseparably connected with the allegedly forceful and illegal conduct of the British Navy.

Mr. Arita suggested that it would be advisable for Britain from a broad viewpoint to use political consideration and by handing over the Germans under detention to dissipate the gloomy atmosphere cast over the Anglo-Japanese relations by the Asama Maru affair.

As to the future guarantee, the Japanese Government is making special consideration of the use of Japanese ships by the nationals of belligerents in the light of Japan's non-intervention policy towards the European war and they are looking forward to British co-operation in the matter.

No agreement of views was reached at Saturday's interview and both sides have agreed to continue negotiations.—*Domei.*

Germans In Hongkong

The Naval Authorities announced yesterday that the Germans removed from the liner Asama Maru had arrived in Hongkong and had been handed over to the Military Authorities.

No information concerning the whereabouts of the Germans could be obtained here yesterday, but it is presumed that they are being interned at La Salle College.

Portuguese Vessel

Lisbon, Jan. 28.

The Portuguese liner Quanza, returning from East and West Africa, was stopped by a British warship off Sierra Leone to-day and two German passengers removed.

Later a French warship stopped the liner and removed three other Germans among the passengers.—*Reuter.*

Britain To Protest

Shanghai, Jan. 27.

Reuter learns officially that strong representations are being made to the Japanese over the boarding of the Indo-China S.S. Co.'s Wingsang.

A Note is now being drafted.—*Reuter.*

The Wingsang was boarded by the Japanese Navy off Foochow, and according to a passenger, the reason given was retaliation for the Asama Maru incident.

Japanese Feeling

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

Press reaction to the British Ambassador's statement is most unfavourable here.

The *Asahi Shimbun* says the Asama Maru affair is not a mere question of the interpretation of international law. The issue is to be found in the fact that the British act was perpetrated so close to Japanese territory, thus ignoring the importance of Japan's national defence. The entire Japanese nation are most indignant over this outrageous act. The statement by Ambassador Craigie from start to finish gives his one-sided interpretation of the Declaration of London.

Ambassador Craigie refers to the search by a Japanese warship of the British liner last year at a point near Hongkong. This case is very different from that of the Asama Maru. It took place far from London, the centre of British political activity, but if it had taken place close to the British capital British national feeling towards the incident would have been quite different.

That the argument advanced by Sir Robert Craigie is of such a nature may perhaps be natural in view of the fact that Great Britain from the outset of the China Affair has given assistance to the Chiang Kai-shek regime; thus completely ignoring the Japanese national feeling.

The British Ambassador's statement, however, is not sufficient to convince the Japanese nation. There is no solution to this issue without the release of the arrested Germans, the *Asahi* declare.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* regards Sir Robert's statement as a challenge to Japan and says, "If Britain maintains such an attitude, we must give warning that there is every fear of Anglo-Japanese relations being seriously aggravated."

Anti-British Rally

Sponsored by the Osaka *Jiji Shimpo* and other leading newspapers, an "All West Japan Anti-British Rally" took place at Osaka on Saturday afternoon.

Professor Iwao Kuromasa of Tokyo Imperial University, Mr. Yakichi Adaka, President of the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Teiichi Muto of the Osaka *Asahi Shimbun*, and other influentials denounced the British naval action and the statement issued by the British Ambassador to the Press on Thursday.

Resolutions urging a "vigorous attitude" against the "British insolence" were sent to Premier Yonai, Foreign Minister Arita, and Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador.

Similar meetings also took place at Kyoto, Kobe and other cities in Western Japan.—*Domei.*

Youth Corps' Demands

Tokyo, Jan. 27.

A delegation of the Japan Reformist Youth Corps visited the Foreign Office and asked for the withdrawal of the Japanese Ambassador in London, the occupation of the British concessions in China, and assistance to India to gain her independence. The delegation later visited the Ministry of Navy and urged the navy to "prepare immediately for fighting."—*United Press.*

Rumania at Cross-Road Of Varying Ambitions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"With Germany dunning her for oil, Russia making threats as well, Bulgaria wanting the South Dobrudja, Hungary claiming Transylvania and Italy looking for prestige, the lot of Rumania's statesmen must at present be as difficult as any in Europe," writes the "Sunday Times" in an article dealing with the recent Rumanian oil measures.

The paper points out that the crux of the oil situation is whether Rumania can let Germany have even 1,500,000 tons agreed on without encroaching on the production of those companies operating with Allied capital.

The Germans must try to insist thereon, but the Allies, who have guaranteed Rumania's integrity and provided her with the means of defence, cannot allow Allied capital to be used for the purpose of overcoming the very deficiency in German war supplies which offers more hope of early victory than any other factor.

Much depends on whether Germany is prepared to push threats to the point of the warlike action in an effort to gain the whole Rumanian oil output, but though that might help her to conduct the campaign on the spot or further east, it would not help her much in the west, owing to the prevailing transport difficulties.

In peace time Germany used about 8,000,000 tons annually. If she gets what she expects from Rumania and provided her home produced oil is up to schedule, she can count on about half that amount this year.

Strategists calculate that the war machine of a modern Power at full blast requires double or treble peace time requirements. While it would be a mistake to underestimate Germany's capacity for a single attack, there is in this a potent reason why she should hesitate to embark on a course which if it failed might exhaust available stocks of oil and leave her whole war machine helpless.

Three Word War Communique

Paris, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—For the fifth day in succession, this morning's French communique said, "Nothing to report."

It is learned that British and French sea patrols carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are yet available.

JAPANESE MASS MORE TROOPS IN SHANSI

FROM PAGE ONE

The situation in west Shansi is comparatively quiet.

Chekiang Town Raided

KINHWA, Jan. 29 (Central).—Seven Japanese planes flying from Hangchow bombed Chuki, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway south of Siaoshan, on Saturday. They released over 30 bombs which wrecked some 40 houses. No casualties were reported.

Japanese Retreat

FANCHENG, Jan. 29 (Central).—Japanese forces recently defeated north of Suihsien in north Hupeh are continuing their retreat towards Anlu and Yingshan, southeast of Suihsien.

The invaders in the Kingshan-Chungsiang-Yangtzuchen area have been inactive owing to Chinese vigilance.

Chinese Attack Siaoshan

KWEILIN, Jan. 29 (Central).—A military communique released here states that Chinese forces have recaptured Kanshanchen and Yachienchen, two important points on the Siaoshan-Shaoching highway, during the week-end, and are launching a concerted attack on Siaoshan, opposite Hangchow across the Chientang River.

Yuehchangkiao, two miles south of Siaoshan, returned to Chinese hands after sharp engagement on Saturday. One unit of Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Siaoshan by the south gate but later again withdrew.

The Japanese are rushing repairs to the Chientang bridge which was damaged by Chinese forces. A large number of remnant Japanese, marooned at isolated points on the brink of the river, are being mopped up by the Chinese.

Wenchiayen, three miles west of Siaoshan, was abandoned by the Japanese following the Chinese recapture of Linpu. Many dead bodies were abandoned by the Japanese during their retreat eastward to Sinoshan.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1890.

Would it not have been just as well for our morning contemporary to have made some inquiry before publishing the paragraph in its issue of yesterday, in which, on the mere *ipse dixit* of an anonymous correspondent, "a female of a certain class" is accused of having taken the lead at the Race-course in what is described as a "most indecent and revolting spectacle?"

As to the "Correspondent," if he is a man with the slighest pretensions to be ranked as a gentleman, he will at once, above his own name, give particulars to the community of Hongkong of this "most indecent and revolting spectacle," which he says he witnessed at the Race-course. The credit of the colony is at stake in a matter of this sort; if "indecent and revolting spectacles" are exhibited by women in public places in open daylight, it is high time that the police authorities took active steps to put down such disgraceful scandals.

It appears that on Friday evening last a new arrival in the town—described as "a female of a certain class"—committed a great enormity in indulging in a few waltz steps with a certain male person at the Race-course, believing that their impromptu practice for the winter dances, now in full swing, was only witnessed by their personal friends.

Considering the strictly moral atmosphere which has ever enveloped the Hongkong Racecourse, it was very wrong of the lately arrived young female to imagine herself in San Francisco, and under that erroneous impression commit such an enormity as to waltz in open daylight with a gentleman—who, at least, certainly ought to have known better; but we very gravely doubt whether such perfectly innocent recreation, no matter how bad the taste displayed by both these disciples of Terpsichore, can be fairly described as "a most indecent and revolting spectacle." Where does the indecency come in, and what can there possibly be revolting in a woman dancing a few waltz steps with a man.

It must not be imagined for a moment that we are specially defending the so-called "unseemly conduct" of this erring female; on the contrary we think that she did not exercise a wise discretion in making a public exhibition of herself before this anonymous purist in open daylight, and would strongly recommend her to be more circumspect in future.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1915.

It is unfortunate that there should be so little definite information available as to the pre-newspaper days of Hongkong; beyond a few State papers, an occasional private diary, and perhaps a rare travel-book or two, one has little better source of information than tradition and hearsay. There should be, however, somewhere in existence, the early files of the "Hongkong Gazette," which dates back to the first year of British occupation, and was first printed in Macao by the American Mission Press.

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A photograph attached to the cover of the "Weekly Telegraph"—ready on Saturday—will show the ill-fated Emden as she lies on the Cocos Island, battered to pieces by the gun-fire of H.M.A.S. Sydney.

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Our American friends are inclined to twit us for failing to maintain our word in Belgium. Let them consider what would happen if they were called on suddenly to defend the Monroe doctrine against a great power like Germany in South America. They would be more helpless to drive the invaders out than England is in the case of Belgium.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1930.

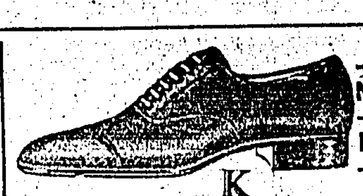
At a time when we encounter a good deal of nonsensical and ill-informed comment regarding Britain's colonising methods, it is most refreshing to read the compliment uttered by the French Premier at the Lord Mayor's banquet held in connection with the London Naval Conference.

"When it comes to preserving peace in far distant lands and among different races," said M. Tardieu, "Great Britain can claim to have played the finest role that human genius could conceive."

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1935.

The news that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has written a slow march for the bagpipes has greatly surprised Court circles, as only his most intimate friends were let into the secret.



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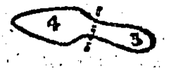

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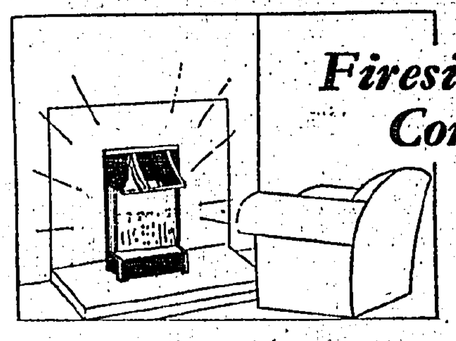

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT INTERPORT XV WIN

COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rox")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end.

This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it.

Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off-colour, and, but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce.

A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form and covered Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-cheong in his itinerary and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-halves, Maxwell and Honniball supported him well. Honniball was the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and a lack of support from Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

A SUBSTITUTE

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Rumjahn, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself, his closing-in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Kwok-wai, and Soong Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed.

B. Gosano was a trier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has the speed, dash and ball control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow vied with Pryde for honours in the forward line. His headwork and passes were perfect. He worked for Bickford and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

GREAT PERFORMANCE

CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards.

Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spoiling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times.

The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disjointed. Hsu King-seng gave another excellent performance at pivot. He had the full measure of Bertie and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get his forwards going when they were beaten back. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu centred his attention on Forrow, meanwhile keeping his eye on Bickford whom he allowed to elude time and again through his lack of speed.

The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than Chung Yung-sum who gave a great display. His fine runs down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which packed the stands.

THE KICK-OFF

CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved from Fung. Minutes later Chinese again attacked, Taylor saving this time from Chan and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked Forrow's parting shot from a pass from Pryde was cleared by Lee Tin-sang. Bickford sent in some lovely daisy cutters which caused Cheung at goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead. A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal the ball bounding off his head behind the posts.

From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed it in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players.

Civilian pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Bickford was hurt. There was lull until Chinese took the initiative and Chung was sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

CIVILIANS ATTACK

UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Bickford sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to flat it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-timed, the ball scraped the upright to glance into the net. This score stood till half time with much mid field play.

The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent Chung off with another glorious pass for the latter to centre right across the Civilians' goal-mouth Hau dashing in from nowhere to meet it first time the ball whistling past Taylor.

This seemed to give added zest to the Civilian who pressed harder. Goals were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Bickford off with a nice pass. Bickford in turn passed to Forrow who flashed it goalwards Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Rumjahn, emulating

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HOW TEAMS FARED

Lai Wah Cup

Army	5 Navy	2
C. Chinese	4 Civilians	2

Senior Shield First Round Replay

Club	0 Royal Scots	4

First Division

Kwong Wah	1 St. Joseph's	3
Kowloon	1 S. China "B"	2

Second Division "A"

South China	2 5th R.A.	0

Second Division "B"

R.A.F.	– University	–
	(Postponed)	

Third Division

Signals	2 Royal Scots	1
South China	1 Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	1 Kumaons	2
12th R.A.	5 International	2
5th R.A.	0 24th R.A.	3

Friendly Match

Press	0 Referees	2
Police	7 Reserves	1

Junior Cricket

Champions' Farewell To Shield?

SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday.

Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Craigengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs.

K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the stolid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly on its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly.

The third wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was exasperating for the K.C.C. to remember afterwards that Patterson should have been caught quite comfortably off a cocked-up shot to leg after he had scored a single. Thereafter he made no mistakes, and ambled along steadily towards his half-century.

MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE

Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor was also difficult to get away until he tired, and then he was hit for four fours in one over.

The Army took two full hours to score their 169 for 5 declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling.

With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible.

The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fargus had Lay brilliantly caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke.

Baxter stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop.

SIX MINUTES TO SPARE

Goodban, playing the ball firmly with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending.

Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodban, in attempting to steal the bowling was stumped. Army won with about six minutes to spare.

The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed, the opening trundlers were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the side together after a bad start.

Women's Tennis

MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steadier all round and retrieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Lo-Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form.

Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid forehand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out.

Mrs. Lo-Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo, in 1928, 1930 and 1932.

Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromich, holder, 6-4, 6-1, 9-7 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 6-3.

Results of the women's semi-finals were.—Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Hopman 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

The men's doubles final was won by Bromich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Niemeyer, 7-5, 6-1.

Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

Race No. 1

No. 425	$116.10
.. 533	33.10
.. 445	16.50

Unplaced pony ($15) No. 515.

Race No. 2

No. 186	$113.40
.. 575	32.40
.. 32	16.20

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 272, 570.

Race No. 3

No. 505	$123.60
.. 529	30.70
.. 141	18.30

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 107, 570.

Race No. 4

No. 535	135.60
.. 369	30.00
.. 552	19.40

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 571, 559.

Race No. 5

No. 565	$159.20
.. 164	45.50
.. 31	22.70

Unplaced pony ($15) No. 66.

Race No. 6

No. 552	$321.80
.. 444	91.00
.. 241	45.90

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 614, 240.

Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Domei).—With the vast Kokugikan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 16,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved sub-zero weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 8 o'clock this morning.

As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out.

Because of the bitterly cold weather, would-be spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait.

Gen. Taka Hishikari, president of the Loyalty Memorial Association, to which the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

HONGKONG RIDING SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Several hundred spectators witnessed the annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School, managed by Mr. Bob Charles at Taihang Road yesterday. The weather, and the grounds, stands and stables were gaily decorated with flags.

The varied programme provided competition for both adults and children, and so well did many of the competitors that the judges in some instances found difficulty in finding the winners.

Among the many spectators were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Wing-Cdr. and Mrs. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, and Major J. L. Willcocks.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, who was the recipient of a basket of flowers from little Susan Steele-Perkins.

THE RESULTS

The following were the events and prize-winners:

Target Competition.—Miss V. Walker.

Intermediate Children's Competitios (Class 1).—1, Miss G. Lee; 2, Miss B. Rickwood; 3, Miss C. Davis.

Adult Members' Competition.—1, Miss N. Kerrison; 2, Mrs. E. Selby; 3, Mr. P. Calderara.

Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 2.—Tie between Master R. Cooke, Miss J. Davis and Master F. Hechtel, who drew lots for the cups.

Musical Chairs.—Mr. R. H. J. Brooks.

Advanced Children's Competition.—1, Miss P. Dodwell; 2, Miss V. Walker; 3, Master P. Harriman.

Tiny Tots Competition.—1, Miss Susan Wood; 2, Miss Susan Steele-Perkins; 3, Master Colin Selby.

Children's Learners Competition.—1, Miss M. Hume; 2, Master C. Shaifer; 3, Master J. Selby.

Aunt Sally Competition.—1, Miss Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks.

Jumping Competition.—1, Mr. F. Appleton; 2, Master H. Tipple; 3, Mr. W. G. Poy.

Jumping Competition (Pupils).—Master B. Stott.

Harriman Challenge Cup (for best rider in School).—Miss V. Walker.

Best Girl Rider.—Miss P. Dodwell.

Best Chinese Pupil.—Miss G. Lee.

The following were the officials:

Judges.—Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major F. Hogg, Major K. S. Simpson, Capt. L. M. Reidy and Mr. A. Hutton Potts.

Committee.—Messrs. F. Appleton, B. Charles, R. H. J. Brooks, R. C. Butler, E. S. Kerrison, W. G. Poy and R. E. Stott.

Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase

Leopardstowne, Eire, Jan. 27.

Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knockadroleen was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knockadroleen 20-1.

The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstake prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets overseas.—*United Press.*

Reuter says there were 22 starters.

Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. C. M. Post boardroom at 5.30.

Principal business will be to discuss the current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.

Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchison's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters.

Although Van Leeuwen and Carruthers, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absentees. Stewart and Bidwell did well together, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering.

The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout. Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Boc's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was moving.

OVERWORKED "WHEEL"

CLUB FORWARDS kept their end up despite losing the push. Castleton, who played instead of Salter who is at Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side have nothing to fear in the lineouts with Walkden, Godfrey and Taylor in their present form.

Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to batter his way past Taylor instead of passing out to one of the three men, who were outside him and up with the play.

Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment. Waite, who deputised for Paul (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Carruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

IN RAMPANT FORM

BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant form, and had Charter, his vis-a-vis, going away from him by use of the dummy on several occasions. Unfortunately they came when least expected, and he found himself unsupported. Luscombe, at scrum-half, was too well marked to give him one opportunity of breaking away from the scrum. His service from the scrum connected with the outside, alright.

Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Nooth, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson.

All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart, following good play between Bidwell and Stewart, gave the Interporters victory. Castleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the narrow margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a penalty goal).

Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers to Colony rugger, both having played in first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Heriot's F. P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish Inter-City trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously harassed by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts, for which department he is well suited having great height.

The other is McRae, a brother of the Scottish international, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was prominent in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Amoy for a year, he has been out of rugby for a season.

Club lost Nelson in the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustained in a tackle. With a man short in the three-line it was surprising that no forward was not sent back. However, keen tackling by the whole of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom Bompas, Heaseman, Kennedy and McRae excelled, kept Rest "A" out.

A GOOD SHOW

LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a good show at inside threequarter, but lacked pace in attack. Lavalle was the only other three to shine.

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BLACKOUT PIERCED BY NEW RAY

An "invisible light" for blackout cities and streets—claimed to be visible only in the path of a beam, but casting insufficient reflection to betray its presence—is being tried out by Netherlands authorities.

The new light, now being installed in cities of the Netherlands and on some of the main highways, was invented by a Netherlands Army Intelligence officer, Captain J. Bikker.

It is claimed that difficulties arising from blackouts have been overcome to a large extent by the device, described as a strong beam of light which is thrown in one direction and can be seen from a horizontal direction only.

Military units are enabled by the light to move at high speed during the night, completely unseen by planes above, according to published accounts.

The light is adaptable for use in auto lights, to mark traffic routes and street corners, and portable equipment of the beam light is being used by the Netherlands Army Signal Corps.

C.O.'S NOTES "IN CASE OF A SLIP"

ON THE YORKSHIRE COAST.

A PALL of smoke, a blinding sheet of flames, and the laconic remark, "Well, that's another gone," tell of one more Nazi mine robbed of its power to destroy.

A handful of naval men, expert at disabling Hitler's internal machines, are daily risking their lives in this work on the rugged Yorkshire coast.

For two days I have shared with a photographer the dangers of the naval crew.

A telephone shrills at their G.H.Q.

A mine has been sighted.

The crew hurry away by car. Our quarry is sighted among the boulders of a peace-time haven of anglers.

Led by Lieut.-Commander R. B. Edwards, the crew set to work.

A rope fastened round the mine draws it into position for the removal of the brass plate at the base.

With infinite caution, the crew disable the mechanism. One slip of the hand would mean death for all within 500 yards.

Block by block 500lb. of grey-green high explosive are levered out of the mine shell to be broken up by hammer blows.

A last look inside by Commander Edwards and then firelighters are inserted among the explosive and set light.

A thin wisp of smoke grows in volume until it darkens the sky and becomes suddenly transformed into a dazzling pyrotechnic display.

"That little lot," the Commander says, "had sufficient power to bring down 6,000 tons of cliff, or to lift your hat from your head at half a mile."

When a new type of mine is seen the crew leave it alone until the commander is called.

Alone he approaches the mine. In a notebook he sketches every detail of the new monster, then writes down the steps he proposes to take to disable it, and hands the notebook to his men waiting beyond the danger zone.

"If I make a mistake," he says in the matter-of-fact way of the Navy, "the book is left to show where I went wrong."

NAVY WANT SMALLER SHIPS

New 40,000-Tonners Will Be Useless

THE fate of the Tacoma gives the war at sea pride of place in the news. The lists of naval honours remind us of those other longer lists of brave seamen who have fallen in our service.

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The old spirit still splendidly dominates the Royal Navy. So, also, do some of the ideas. We are fighting this war with the battleships of the last war.

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We have eleven 30,000-ton battleships, and three even heavier battle-cruisers. All but two of the battleships (Nelson and Rodney, 1927) were completed in 1916-17. The latest battle-cruiser (Hood) was completed in 1920.

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Five more battleships of the King George V. class will be completed next year. They are 35,000 tons and carry ten 14in. guns.

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The keels are laid for four battleships of the Lion class. They will be 40,000 tons and mount 16in. guns, the heaviest afloat anywhere in the world. These craft will not be completed until 1943. This war will be over long before then.

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I see no use for such great battleships. Against what possible enemy are we building them? About as well construct a Maginot Line along the Canada-United States frontier.

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Not a bad place to put these £7,000,000 monsters would be the Great Lakes of Canada. No impudent U-boat commander could penetrate these Lakes to sink them with a £3,000 torpedo.

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The craft the Navy need primarily are destroyers. After that, fast cruisers. This type of building must have priority.

RUSSIAN SUPPLY PROBLEM

Abnormal Strain On Railway

BY A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

WITHOUT indulging in wishful thinking, it is interesting to consider, in the light of reported disturbances among the populace, some of the administrative problems that have to be dealt with by Russia's military staff and similar authorities in Leningrad.

There is, of course, the large civil population of the city to be fed and provided with fuel and other necessaries, a problem that in normal times, according to all reports, is not very successfully dealt with. Presumably a good deal is supplied from stocks in the surrounding districts, but much must arrive by rail, particularly in the winter months, when the Gulf of Finland is frozen.

It is, I think, safe to assume that the normal civil population has not to any considerable extent been evacuated. It may even have been increased by an influx of labour to assist military organisations. When one superimposes on the normal population the army in the isthmus, which must mean an additional quarter to half a million mouths, the food question alone must be a serious problem.

Added to that the railways have to carry troop trains, munitions and other military stores. Their congestion must be great. Leningrad is obviously a bottleneck and the conflict in it of civil and military interests must be acute. It would need an administrator of genius to ensure a smooth-running organisation.

There are many questions one would like to ask. We hear of fresh troops in many thousands from central Russia and even from Siberia. But what happens to troops withdrawn from the fight after failure and how are the wounded disposed of? Are they filling the hospitals of Leningrad? How are the railways standing up to abnormal traffic and how long will they function efficiently?

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It is not only the isthmus battle that places a strain on Leningrad, for the Murmansk railway has its southern terminus there. Although it may not involve using each Line's terminus, the railways leading to Leningrad must certainly carry troops and other trains destined for the Murmansk line. The succession of Finnish victories all along the eastern frontier must therefore affect the whole railway system which centres on Leningrad. The strain they throw on the Murmansk railway itself is obvious. Fresh troops will be needed and much lost material will require replacement, in addition to enormous maintenance supplies.

One gathers that the Russians are making great use of motor transport with their forces on the eastern front. But how casualties in vehicles will be made good and how petrol supplies for continuous intensive working will be maintained it will be interesting to know. Greatly as I admire the gallantry and leadership of the Finns, I cannot help feeling that the measure of their success will depend to a great degree on the weakness or efficiency of Russian administrative services, which will be increasingly tested as the war goes on.

'SHOTLESS STRATEGY' KEEPS THEM GUESSING

BASLE. — The military strategists on the Western Front have not forgotten the old theory that the Walls of Jericho fell because trumpeters held their attention while the enemy attacked from the rear.

But in this modern war, there are whistles instead of trumpets, as both sides resort to their ingenuity to fool the other fellows.

Long after the French had abandoned the Waarndt Forest last October, French scouts armed with officers' whistles kept the Germans guessing.

Later the same month, observers in Luxembourg noted long lines of trucks, presumably full of troops, moving away from the Moselle zone just the night before the Germans launched an attack that drove the French out of their hard-won positions between the Moselle and the Saar Rivers.

Always On The Watch

Wherever a neutral country lies close enough to a belligerent country to make it worth while for observers to come and see what they can see, the business of fooling the other fellow goes on.

German flat cars, loaded with pontoons such as an Army would have to use to get any considerable number of men across the Rhine, rolled ostentatiously and slowly along a railroad in full view of the Swiss frontier in mid-October.

Up to that moment, the Rhine River frontier had been so quiet Swiss bargemen were considering seriously asking both Paris and Berlin for permission to resume their business between the Maginot and Siegfried forts.

The day after those flat cars carried their pontoons past watchers on the Swiss side, French reinforcements arrived at Rhine River posts, and French observation planes buzzed across the river to see what was going on in Baden.

A Polite Warning

Another day the French, after giving German sentries a polite warning, blew up a footbridge over the Kembs Dam above Basel. That very night the Germans had reinforcements in the forts across the river from Kembs.

So far nothing has happened. The Germans have not used the pontoons, and the French haven't crossed the river.

Reports reaching Basle indicate most of the fooling is being done for the benefit of observation planes.

There has been little bombing from the air, but much observing.

From the air, a long line of trucks still is a long line of trucks whether they are empty or full, so the allied forces have been sending many columns of trucks dashing about for the benefit of German observation planes.

The Germans have plenty of soldiers with time on their hands, and they are kept busy laying out mock air fields, complete with dummy planes, for the benefit of wandering allied observers.

Dummy tanks—farm wagons covered with painted canvas—are reported to have been built in Germany for the time when they may be useful in simulating concentration of forces.

RATIONS FOR THE PALACE

ARRANGED BY THE QUEEN

THE King, the Queen, the Princesses, and other members of the Royal Family will eat only the normal ration of butter, bacon, and sugar from to-day (first day of rationing). They have been issued with "commercial travellers' cards," the same as those given to all people who have to move about the country.

The King insisted that this method be adopted, and that no special arrangements should be made.

The Queen has drawn up special menus which come into force in all the royal kitchens to-day. They drop two courses from both luncheon and dinner.

Orders have been given for more fruit and vegetables to be served. To meet this extra demand the gardens at Windsor Castle, which supply all the royal residences, are being considerably extended.

Nurmi Drops Tour

HELSINGFORS.—Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who has been driving a truck in removing citizens from Helsingfors, said Dec. 12 he had abandoned plans to take Taisto Maki, currently Finland's outstanding distance runner, on a tour of the United States.

Fritz Shows Off His Girl, Tries To Make The French Jealous

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

SOMETHING white fluttered down out of the sky. It landed on the other side of the Rhine just in front of the house from which I could see peeping out of a square black window the round pink face of a German soldier keeping watch. The soldier did not bother to come out and pick up the white thing. He went on staring.

And then I saw why. Several white things were fluttering down towards us.

I got one that fell almost at my feet. It was a German leaflet. "French soldiers," it said to me, "you are wrong not to believe us that it was the English that dragged you into this war. Listen to what your great Napoleon said about them."

There followed some remarks about a nation of shopkeepers.

The sergeant saw me looking up for the airplane that was dropping the papers. "It's no use looking up there for the cuckoo that dropped that stuff. He flew over ten minutes ago. It always takes about ten minutes to come down."

Don't Shoot

Now these leaflet raiders have been exceptionally busy these last few days over the French lines along the Rhine and behind it. It is part of a new intensified Hitler propaganda offensive trying on the old German game of splitting the French from the British, persuading the French soldier that he is bearing the brunt of this war alone, suffering alone in hardships and privations.

Where they are close enough to be heard as here on the Rhine they do their best with loudspeakers. They broadcast pro-French passages from Hitler's speeches, bits of invective against England from Schiller's "Joan of Arc," interlarding it all with the continual refrain, "We shan't shoot if you don't." They even do a spot of play-acting when the weather permits.

The sergeant told me about that.

Public Kiss

"They had one of their fellows out there the other day walking up and down the embankment bold as brass with a girl. He even kissed her. He was trying to make us jealous by suggesting that Fritz was allowed to have his girl up in the lines.

"Then yesterday the same man came on with a woman and a kid. The kid played around and shouted 'Papa' at the top of his voice. Same stunt again. Well, we don't fall for it."

No, I do not think much of the effect of this Hitler propaganda on the French soldiers so far.

But then what else is poor old Daddy Adolf to do? Sitting quiet and dropping his bad job. He would be crazy to make an offensive.

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12.30 Half an hour of Dance Music.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent-Bennett); Back To Those Happy Days (Nicholls); All My Life (film 'Laughing Irish Eyes').

1.13 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and H. Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Zampa (Herold); Poet and Peasant (Suppe)....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver; Sweetmeat Joe, The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson); A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major.....Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll, Intro: The Doll Dance (Brown)....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Two Mozart Songs by Ivar Andresen (Bass).

O Isis and Osiris ("The Magic Flute"); Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute").

1.53 Mozart—Symphony in D, No. 35.

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

The Clockwork Courtship (Rayners)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Part III; I Got A "Code" In My "Doze" (Fields and Others)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra;—Studio—Story—by Aunt Susan; Here Comes The Sandman (film 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air')....Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Flight of Ages (Bevan)....Soloist: John Duncan. With Herbert Dawson at the Organ; Songs from The Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold)....Soloists: G. Stearn Scott and John Duncan. With the Kentucky Banjo Team.

6.43 Concert Waltzes.

Ever or Never (Waldteufel); Children of Spring (Waldteufel)..... Orchestra Mascotte; The Swallows (Josef Strauss)....Johann Strauss and His Viennese Orchestra; Dance Of The Fairies (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss (Dicker)....Orchestra Mascotte.

7.01 Musical Comedy Selections.

"White Horse Inn"—Selection (Erik Charell)....New Mayfair Orchestra; "Helen" — Vocal Gems (Offenbach, arr. Korngold)..... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Princess Charming"—Selection (Sirmay, Ruby and Waller) .....Palace Theatre Orchestra; "Viktoria and Her Hussar" (Abraham)—Vocal Gems....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Bishop Sargent on "Opera."

8.57 Orchestral Selection.

With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches."

Written by Ursula Branston. Music by Various Composers; Production by William Maclurg.

10.0 A Chopin Recital by Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Grande Polonaise, Op. 22; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Waltz in C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2.

10.22 Compositions of Brahms.

Tragic Overture, Op. 81....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini; Vier Ernste Gesange, Op. 121—Denn es gehet dem Menschen; Die Mainacht, Op. 43, No. 2....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Gerald Moore (Piano); Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 2....Eileen Joyce (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5; Hungarian Dance No. 6....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Cradle Song....The Angelus Octet.

11.0 Close down.

DEFLATION PLAN

Ration System For Japan Considered

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

Low price and deflation policies have been decided upon by the Government as a result of yesterday's Cabinet conference.

The low price policy will be specifically directed to rice, coal and fertilisers. Adequate measures are being taken to ensure increased production of those products which are vitally necessary for daily life and for industry.

Banning all transactions of dark exchanges and conducting a vigorous drive to encourage thrift, the Government also plans to ensure deflation of the currency.

The Government is studying the card system for daily necessities. The card system for rice and coal will be first studied, though some advocate the necessity of extending the system to wheat, barley, charcoal and soy.

The Government has decided to postpone establishment of the Trade Ministry planned by the Abe Cabinet, which caused the recent controversy with officers of the Foreign Office.

The products of agriculture, forestry and fishery in Japan in 1938 totalled in value Yen 5,005,130,000, an increase of 7 per cent. over the preceding year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced.

Agricultural products increased by four per cent, forestry products by 32 per cent, and fishery products by 15 per cent. over the preceding year.

Speech By Premier

The contents of the speech by the Premier, Admiral Yonai at the Diet on February 1, will be approved by the Cabinet Council on Monday. He will stress the necessity of a complete settlement of the China Affair and reaffirm the Japanese Government's full co-operation with the new Central Government of China.

The Premier will also emphasise the "positive and independent" status of Japan's foreign policy in adjusting relations with Britain, America, the Soviet Union and other foreign countries.—Domei.

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Anglo-Irish Unit To Help Finland

HELSINGFORS.—Nigel Allan, acting British Vice Consul, resigned recently to form a foreign legion of Britons and Irishmen to fight for Finland.

Mr. Allan had been active in moving British citizens from Finland.

The British Consulate has moved to Bjorneborg on the west coast of Finland.

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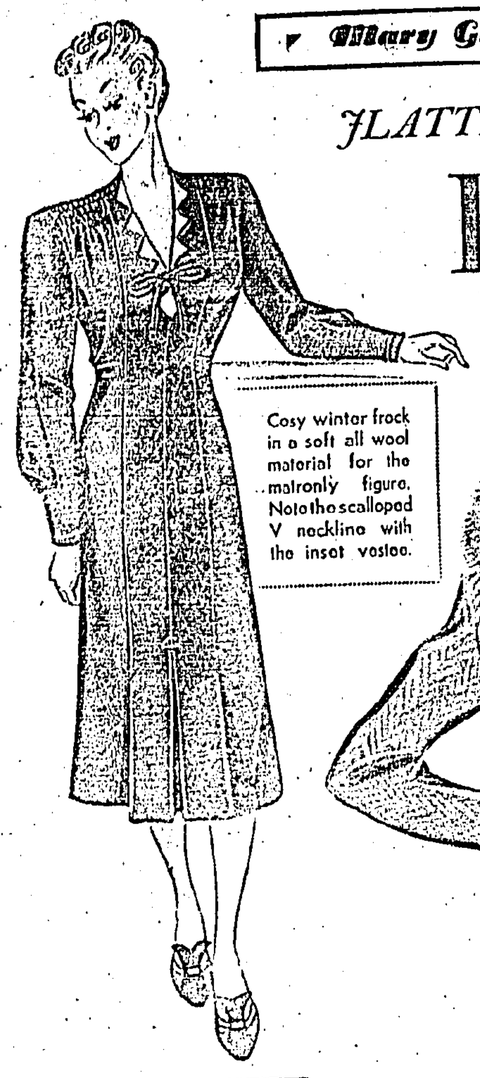

Cosy winter frock in a soft all wool material for the matronly figure. Note the scalloped V neckline with the inset vestee.

"IT'S no use pretending," a friend said, "but I'm frankly outsize. I've got nice hair and a good complexion. Now can you help me with a winter outfit that will slim me down a bit and yet be comfortable?"

"Of course I can," I replied. It is the problem of half the women in the world after they have reached their fortieth birthday. What you want is a nice well cut coat in a deep colour—not necessarily black, but specially designed to give you height and to bring your figure into a good balanced line.

A soft collar of fur also helps the shoulders and upper part.

You see by the sketches what I recommend. The coat is made in good quality fancy velour cloth with a straight looking back and a good wrap-over in front.

It is lined throughout with artificial silk and the sleeves have nice shaping at the cuff.

Dark Brown Fur

The collar of skunk opossum (you know the fur, it is very like skunk—a nice dark brown shade) can be worn open or wrapped over close to the throat to form a becoming frame for the face. Very cosy and fashionable as well.

The colours are nigger, navy, bottle, wine and black. Wine is very fashionable this year. It suits grey and dark-haired women excellently. Brown and green suit fair and dark women, but are a little cold with grey hair. I find navy and black are becoming to all.

To wear under this coat I selected a frock also in a soft all-wool material from Pontings which had a good deal of clever shaping to give freedom and a long unbroken line.

There was some shirring on the shoulders that gave ample room over the vest, and an inverted pleat down the whole length of the front. The bodice was cut with a deep scalloped V, with a neat vestee in a pale contrasting colour.

Colour Choice

A back tie indicated the waistline, and the colours were wine, brown, green, navy, rust and black.

WINTER	COAT
Flat Back	Two-Way Collar
Neat Sleeve	Straight Front
Brown Fur	Deep Colours

SHORT CUTS

One or two hours of outdoor exercise daily, daily soap and water bath and lots of pure drinking water—16 glasses a day if you can take it—will speed up results with your acne treatment. Take a laxative if you need it, but let your doctor prescribe it.

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By combining equal parts of salt and soda you have an excellent polish for metal or porcelain surfaces. Apply as you would a powder cleanser.

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Ilka Chase, widely known stage star, often appears in public in a tailored suit—and hatless. She chooses a brownish-red lipstick and goes nail-polishless.

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To remove perfume stains from the wooden top of a vanity table, rub a little olive oil over the spots. Then rub with a fresh, soft cloth to remove excess oil.

Brown and white ridged wool is used in this two-piece suit worn by Norma Shearer. The tailored jacket with four inset pockets and wide, pointed revers has a horizontal stripe of white and is worn over a crossed beige silk vest.

Finn in Sweden For Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM.—Frans Eemil Sillanpaa, Finnish winner of the 1939 Nobel prize for literature, crossed into Sweden Dec. 12 at Haparanda on his way here to receive his prize. He was accompanied by his family.

[The value of the Nobel prizes varies from year to year, but Pearl Buck, 1938 winner for literature, received $37,057.]

Muff And Fur Hat

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If it is time to plan your fur wardrobe, do not forget that a muff, or muffs, is important, and that fur-trimmed hats are too. Muffs are of many sizes and shapes and made of a wide range of furs. It is going to mark you as a woman "in the know" if you add a muff and fur hat to your wool dress or suit, long before there is much danger of your actually needing to keep your hands warm.

In presenting a series of stunning crocheted wool hats with muffs to match, Sally Victor recently introduced looped yarns of wool to give character to these crocheted turban ensembles. The emphasis of a clear light gray makes them look very new and significant as a new accent to wear with black or coloured costumes, or else to tone in with deeper gray shades.

The colour situation is sized up clearly—with the gray and beaver shades representing the neutrals that go so well with fur jackets and coats, and vivid colour for the alternative, with bright green and cherry red an emphasised combination; for novelty a strong pastel blue that in between turquoise and robin's egg is striking.

"FLEETING 'FLU" BACK AGAIN

"Fleeting 'flu" is back again.

This two-day variety is rampant in London, just as was at this time a year ago.

This year, it finds Britain's "Flu Squad" under Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the scientist who discovered the invisible virus responsible for influenza, with wartime preoccupations.

One is warned not to neglect it as it can lead to fatal complications.

There is nothing like a glamorous perfume for giving a lift and making you more attractive. Choose scents suited to your personality or your style of dress, and spray on enough to leave a subtle fragrance.

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Notes On Perfumes

By JACQUELINE HUNT

WAR or no war, fashion and beauty are marching on. From troubled Paris comes word that the couturieres are doing much to uphold the country's morale these hectic days. Mme. Jeanne Lanvin has been an outstanding example, as she is keeping her entire force busy as though there were no rumblings on the Maginot Line. Femininity comes through as always. Though it might have been a knitted sock in the last strife, this time it is a bright lipstick and such amusing things as bustles and eighteen-inch waists with the aid of none too subtle corsets. A part of the feminine role is to play a glamorous, interest-diverting creature and keep men from brooding too much on swift-moving world events.

Your hero may have nothing more dangerous to struggle with than the monthly budget, but this doesn't mean that he wouldn't appreciate some comforting diversion in his daily life, provided by an attractive and intriguing you. Take advantage of every idea you can find that will make you more feminine, more appealing and lovable.

Fashion designers say that you can best get yourself into the varying moods of your new winter clothes by choosing an appropriate perfume and this is one of the foibles that men most admire in women. By experimenting with a variety of scents find the perfume that fits your clothes and pleases your companions.

If your mood is not at its best, you might pick it up considerably by a thoughtful choice of perfume. Choose a warm, heady, interesting scent if you wear wide-skirted Velasquez gowns, and you will feel like a dark-eyed Spanish beauty. Or, if you prefer one of the new supple, draped siren gowns, pick a perfume that suggests intrigue in its sweet, tantalising odour.

PERFUME FOR SPORTS

For sports clothes and furs, try an old favourite which has a Russian saddle leather base and a special affinity for tweeds and leathers. Leather, you know, is the newest and smartest article for either active or spectator sports.

Bustle-backed street dresses would be set off nicely by an imaginative scent that is appropriate with everything, as it seems to take on a different and individual fragrance with each wearer. The new "covered up" dinner dresses would be a perfect background for an aristocratic perfume that is subtle and elusive.

There is a world of perfume choices to-day in tiny, shining spheres that contain the loveliest French perfume—in cut-glass flacons and intriguingly shaped bottles that add beauty to your dressing table and personality to you. The right perfume accessory can do more for you than a new hat perched over one eye, and it is no more of an extravagance than a new dress or smart accessory.

TO MATCH MOODS

Try several perfumes. Select a favourite that you use most of the time—that seems to become an inseparable and intangible part of your personality. But it's nice to use something different on special occasions, too—something in keeping with the mood of your frock or with the mood of the occasion.

Play your part in this modern world by contributing to the pleasure of those about you. Leave a precious breath of fragrance in your wake, because you never forget to spray your hair or fingertips with your favourite perfume. Give perfume to others, too, whenever you plan a gift that will be long remembered.

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They complain that many of them are suffering from bad colds and pneumonia and that they need the coats to prevent further illness.

The War Office, however, say that the girls are given fleece-lined raincoats and that greatcoats—are—not part of the issue.

Some of the girls have had raincoats, but not fleece-lined because there was a shortage of these linings.

The War Office say the health of the A.T.S. is everywhere reported as exceptionally good and that they have no reports of any such cases of illness.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

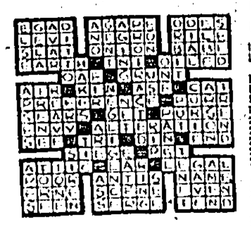
ACROSS

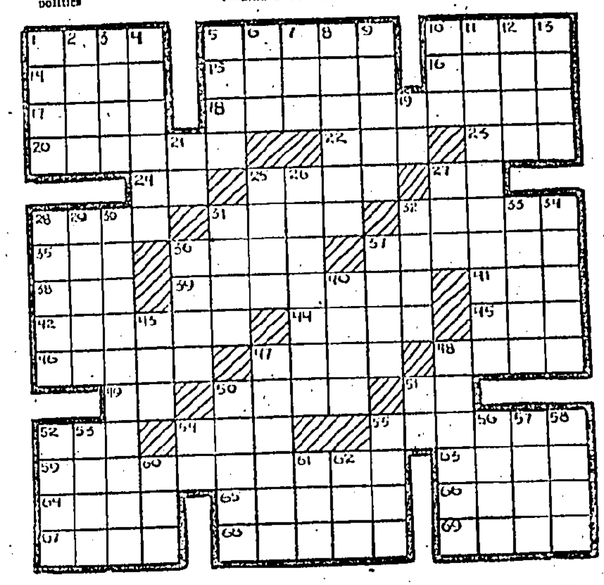
1—One of pieces of saddle-horse
5—Bad to highest degree
10—Delicately colored gem
14—Chamber used for cooking
15—With wings
16—Dispense in small quantities
17—Material of body framework
18—Appears in character of
20—Goes within
22—Took food
23—Girl's nickname
24—Note of scale
25—Room for bathing
27—Engineering degree
28—Leaps over
31—Money paid down
32—Pointed missiles
35—Sin
36—Long period of time (pl.)
37—Leave
38—Untruth
39—Capable of clear reasoning
41—Busy insect
42—Type of element (pl.)
44—District
45—Meadow
46—Heights
47—Deal with wax
48—Article of office furniture
49—Not at all
50—No difficulty
51—This boy
52—Ultra-radical in politics
54—Tangle
55—Consider thoughtfully
59—Become too thoroughly conversant with
61—Business transaction
64—Wither
65—Load carried by vessel
66—Periods of time
67—In the beginning (poetic)
68—Obstructs
69—Tear

DOWN

1—Clothe
2—River associated with Shakespeare
3—Unit of currency
4—Makes obeisance
5—International conflicts
6—Diminutive suffix
7—Knock sharply
8—Wide, open valley (Scottish)
9—Chewing implements of law
10—Short poem
11—Capable of being weighed
12—Female voice
13—For fear that
19—Point of compass
21—Slim god
25—Sound of gun firing
26—Trials by jury
27—Chart
28—Tillers
29—Window built out from wall
30—Claimants to throne
31—Makes noise like dove
33—Take out
34—Woody plants
36—Broiled slice of meat
38—Additions to house
39—Native of Denmark
40—Inner portion
43—Puns
47—Ancient Roman emperor
48—Of greater consistency
50—Put into effect
51—Exclamation of greeting
52—Reddish color
53—All time
54—Nutritious essence (thankful)
55—Those who play for money (col.)
56—Defy
57—Dashing spirit
58—Repose
60—Bonk flax
61—Prefix: three
62—Ovum

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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THE JEWELS

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbous Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out.

The manager's atonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second. "Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first. "When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times! . . . Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian. "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times."

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean *anything* to you? Do you want to live in a a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!'"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"

THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade, and inquired the price of rooms.

"I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should *you* be afraid?"

"Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily eyeing their one suitcase. "Is there some more lugguage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?"

"Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid. . . . The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."

WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the anteroom.

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone. "Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swasa consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swana opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algout. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess' boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swana."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this face! . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested.

"Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoffs! . . . And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything, particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guisot is willing to pay *any* price!"

"Imagine two million clerks and shop girls peeking into my life for a sou! Think of my lovely life being wrapped around cheese and blood sausages!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algout knew his Duchess Swana and what note to play on. "Well, I am the last person to persuade you, but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swana got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga boatman! I don't deserve this." She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I. 'A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard.'"

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonin asks the privilege of a few words, Your Highness."

"Count Rakonin?" queried d'Algout.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here is Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algout, appearing in the doorway.

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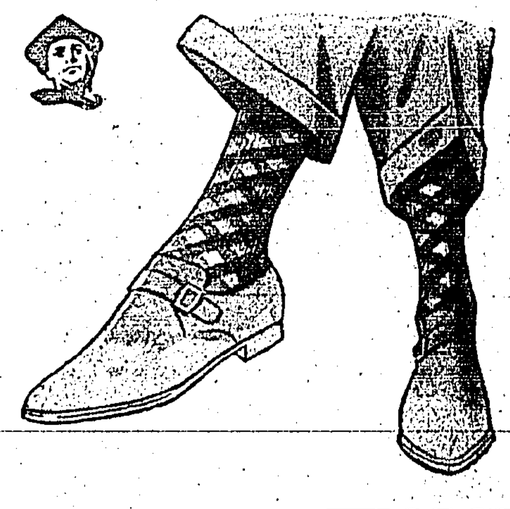

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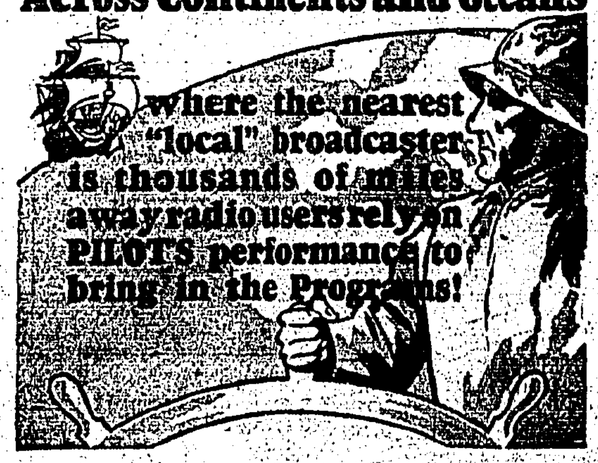

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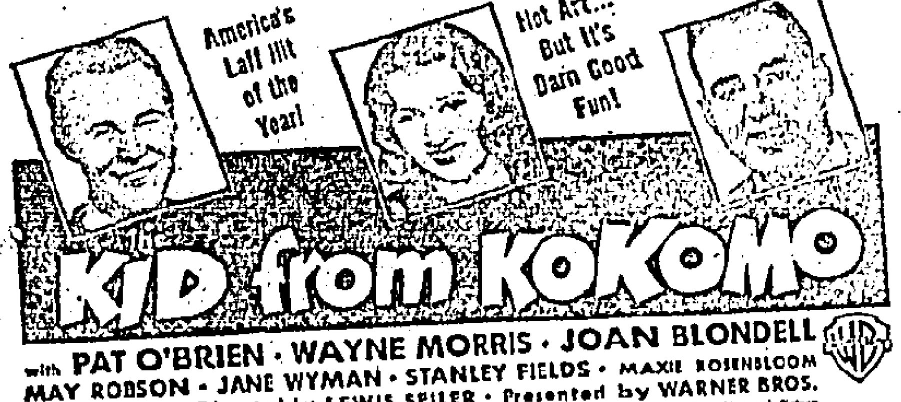

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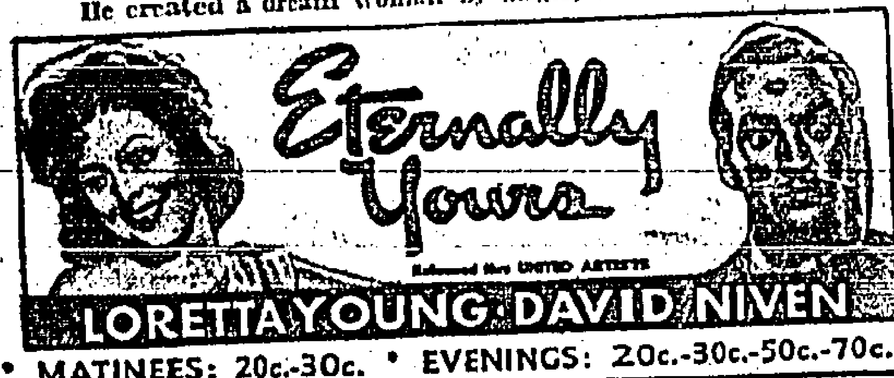

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DOUBTS ABOUT RUSSIAN TROOPS

Fallen Officer's Diary

STOCKHOLM.

It has been established that Russians in the Salla sector fired on each other, and also that aeroplanes fired on troops who had strayed and who were evidently mistaken for Finns.

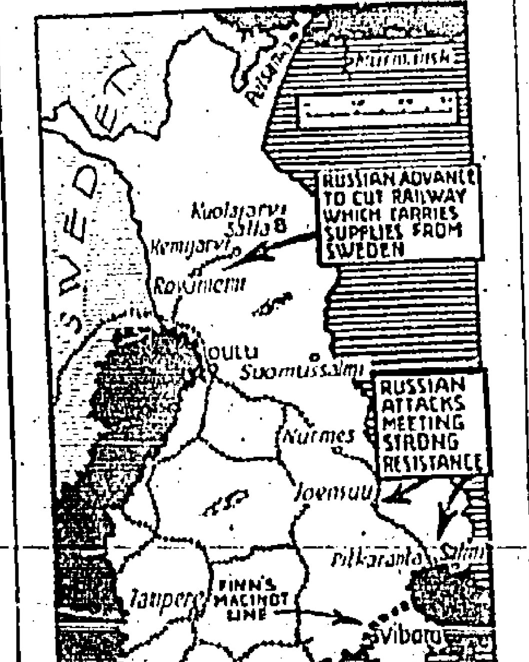
A message to the official Finnish News Agency maintained that these were signs of mutiny as argumentative shouting was heard amid the shots.

The following are extracts from a fallen Russian officer's diary inspected by Foreign Correspondents at the headquarters of General Wallenius on the North Front:—

The political atmosphere is oppressive. The soldiers are against this war, and we don't understand why we fight other countries. I tell my men that it is necessary to strengthen our frontiers, but they answer, "Finland can't attack us."

Our troops are beaten because our Higher Command is unfamiliar with the terrain. The troops prefer to return home to fighting.

The march into Poland was popular, but not so now when we go



against Finland. The only things to cheer us are Molotoff's speeches.

To-day we all awoke sick. I have slept in a barn several days. Comrades are restless.

About Finland we know nothing. The soldiers have started interpreting dreams and soothsaying from cards. All we have is infested by vermin.

Headache, no sleep, coughs, smoke. The Finns don't yield. I have been without sleep or food the last two days.

The enemy harasses us all the time. We have had large losses. Many are afraid.

The campaign is more difficult than Poland. We had been told to liberate the Finns, but see no population. Not even the officers are joyful about the war. We are told that on December 21, Stalin's birthday, the war will be ended.

The last entry in the diary on December 13 was "All terribly tired." The officer then fell.

Nine Army Divisions

Russian pressure on the Isthmus persists. There are at least nine divisions of the Red Army on this narrow strip. When the Russians succeeded in crossing frozen Lake Suvanto they were only thrown back after severe hand-to-hand fighting, in which not only the Russians, but also the Finns suffered serious losses. There is no doubt that the Finnish positions here are stronger than anywhere else along the front, but thanks to their shorter lines of communication and to the fact that their rear is better protected, the Russians are more easily able to send up fresh troops to relieve the fighting line.

It is reported that the Finns are taking the Red Cross marks off their field hospitals, as they have found that Russian airmen consistently choose them as targets.

Some famous athletes are among the Finnish casualties. The Marathon runner Tamila has been killed, and the second best javelin thrower in the world Autonen has been shot through the left arm in a skirmish, in which the Finns took 10 submachine-guns after destroying an enemy unit to the last man. He is now in hospital.

THOSE SHELLS WERE LIVE

where in Kent," was told at a Luton meeting by Colonel Mary Patch, of the Salvation Army.

A small boy evacuee, unused to fields or gardens, returned to his billet with a handkerchief full of mysterious treasure. In answer to his hostess, he explained that he had found some shells, and proceeded to untie his bundle.

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"Lumme!" he said. "They've hatched.

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If you could get down close on top of your objective, it would help, of course. But anti-aircraft guns and the balloon barrage are designed to keep you high.

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Even in the Spanish war, where the Nationalists held decisive air superiority for most of the time, their precision bombing was far from precise.

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General Franco's flyers never hit the sky-scraper telephone building in Madrid or the electric power plant in Barcelona, though they tried continually. Yet the telephone building was Madrid's biggest landmark and the Barcelona power plant occupied an entire city block.

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Most massive target of all was the munition plant in Sagunta, north of Valencia. It had close on 40 brick chimney stacks; it employed thousands of people; it was just one hour's flight from Franco's bombing base at Majorca.

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Altogether 5,551 bombs were launched against the Sagunta munition works. There were only 21 recorded hits. The plant never stopped working until the Republican resistance completely folded up.

THE TROOPS on the Western Front are far from having an easy time of it, declared the military correspondent of The Times, London, in a weekly review of the war broadcast by the B.B.C.

In the first place, he said, they have been engaged in constant work on the defences which can never be made too strong.

When war broke out, he explained, the French defences on the Belgian frontier were not nearly so powerful as the Maginot Line proper. In the last four minutes, the Allies have been strengthening these fortifications and building many hundreds of fresh concrete blockhouses.

Trying Winter

The winter with its heavy rain, snow, fog and bitter cold, has been trying beyond the average for the troops in the field.

Dealing with the work of the outposts and patrols, the correspondent declared that in this war it is easier for each side to surprise each other because the troops are far more mobile and therefore can be kept much further back out of sight until the last possible move.

"So far as we know," he went on, "Germany has the means to launch an attack with practically none of those preparations which give things away, at almost any moment they choose.

"Thus, everybody has to be on the alert and quick to pick up the smallest indications of the enemy's intentions. The responsibilities carried not only by those who bring in the information but also by those who sift it, are very heavy.

"Eye That Never Shuts"

"Every observation post is the eye which never shuts though sometimes it is blinded by fog, and thus demands on other sources of information become ever more insistent.

"Trains, for example, are carefully watched, and every movement which is visible—I might also say, every sound which is audible—is noticed, and a reason has to be found for every scrap of information if possible.

In the last resort, however, it is the patrol which is relied upon, continued the correspondent, to spot the enemy's intentions and his habits and the nature of the work he is carrying out.

It is also their duty to see that the enemy does not get the same kind of information from us.

In the Vosges—tangled, wooded blind country ideal for ambushes and traps—there has been little but constant patrol activity, especially during the night.

French patrols, generally consisting of picked groups of volunteers numbering 50 or 60 men, are constantly out in the wooded area between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines.

Steady Nerves Necessary

"It is difficult work and dangerous enough," said the speaker, "but even more trying than dangerous for the work calls for steady nerves and initiative.

"The Germans show no lack of ability, but the superior training of the French troops gives them a certain advantage in their encounters.

"The British troops have only just begun, but the recent decorations bestowed on an officer and an N.C.O. show that the British are also ranging deep in their patrol work for it was mentioned that the objectives of the patrols in which these two participated were 1,200 yards from their lines, so that when we sit in our comfortable chairs at home reading in our newspapers or hearing on the radio that nothing of importance has occurred on the Western Front during the past 24 hours, let us remember that there is much that is happening."

LATE NEWS

BIG HAUL BY PIRATES

A LARGE Hongkong-registered ocean-going junk is the latest victim of Chinese pirates.

Cargo valued at over $6,000 was taken form the vessel, which was en route from Swatow to Hongkong.

The incident occurred east of Sam Mun Customs Station, when two large junks approached and forced the master of the Hongkong junk, Lam Man-fung, to heave to.

According to a report to the police, about forty men were involved in the piracy. Eleven—five armed with rifles and six with revolvers—boarded the junk and locked the crew and passengers below for 48 hours.

After the cargo was transferred the pirates decamped.

GERMAN WOMAN IN H.K. COURT

A GERMAN woman whose husband is stated to be distantly connected with the famous German House of Rothschild appeared in a Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of entering the Colony without a valid passport.

The woman was Frau Fanny Rothschild. Her address was given as Koln, Germany.

She arrived by plane from Marseilles on January 25, stating that she was attempting to re-join her husband in Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. J. T. Houston, made an order for her expulsion.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued on Saturday says:

Nothing of any particular importance occurred during the morning.

Buyers

H.K. Bank $1,305
Canton Ins. $202
H.K. Fires Ins. $170
Douglases $80
Providents $4.35
Hotels $5.15
Lands $33.00
Yaumati Ferries $24¼
Electrics $55¼
Entertainments $0.90

Sellers

Docks $21.20
Hotels $5.40
Telephones (New) $0.60
Dairy Farms (Old) $22.00
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan $102
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan $90

Sales

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Docks $21
Tramways $17¾
Macao Electrics $20
Telephones (Old) $24

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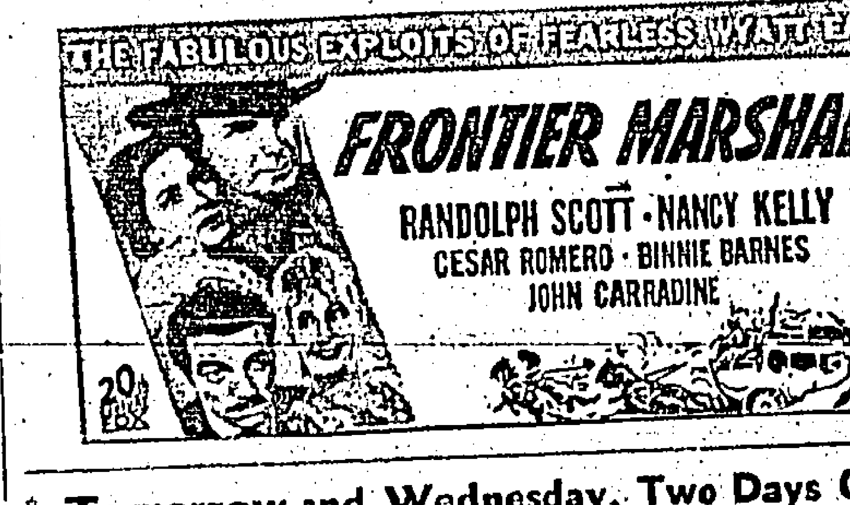

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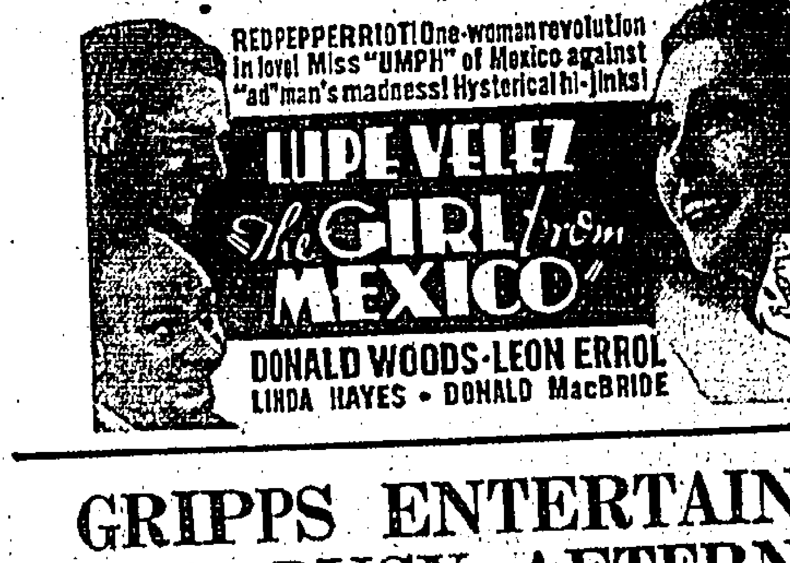

GRIPPS ENTERTAINERS HAD BUSY AFTERNOON

WHEN WAR was declared in September, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers, were working in Paris.

When the night-life of the gay French capital became quieter and the large hotels closed down on their lavish entertaining, Mimi and Jose decided to go back to America—but not across the Atlantic.

They arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, en route to New York.

They were expected originally on Thursday, and arrangements were made for them to stop-over in this Colony in order to appear for a brief season at the Hongkong Hotel.

Though their liner was delayed, the two Mexican entertainers were able to make their bow at the Gripps as originally scheduled.

But they had to come ashore in their rehearsal costumes to commence rehearsals, half-an-hour after their ship tied up, with Nick Korin's Orchestra.

The entertainment provided by the Mexican stars gave patrons of the Gripps a genuine thrill on Saturday night, and it was necessary to clear the floor on each of their three appearances by starting up the dance music. Demands for encores could not be fulfilled as Mimi and Jose were only able to rehearse the three numbers for which they were billed during the short time they were at the Hotel after their landing.

Their acts consist of Spanish and Mexican dancing and songs.

Mimi's wardrobe, incidentally, includes some of the latest creations from Paris.

NEWS ITEM WAS TEN YEARS OLD!

A news story published in the "Telegraph" on Saturday was, on investigation, found to be ten years old!

It related to the forthcoming arrival in Hongkong of six Officers for the China Squadron, and was intended for the "A Look Through the Telegraph" feature.

The sub-editor into whose hands it passed believed it to be an item of recent news and edited it accordingly!

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Europe Must Be Freed From Perpetual Threats Of Violence, Says Hitler—And Names England!

NAZIS STEAL THE ALLIES' THUNDER!

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A review of Nazi propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles—accusing the Allies of the weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited. So the Nazis now proceed to try to discredit Allied news.

NAZI "WAR AIMS"

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims.

In the New Year message to the German people, Hitler decided to announce the German war aims. So he took over the war aims of the Allies!

Germany and Europe must be freed from violence and the perpetual threats which proceeded from England, he said.

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czecho-Slovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland.

EFFECTIVENESS OF BIG LIE

Still, it is in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of a "big lie" as opposed to a small one.

In order to keep the tyrannised German workers quiet, the Nazis rant about the tyranny exercised in the British Empire and go back to the 18th, 17th and 16th centuries to find examples. Similar methods are used in the propaganda about the sea war, religious freedom, free speech and so on.

It is interesting thus to watch the development of Nazi propaganda trying to conceal Nazi weaknesses, not by defending them, but by making similiar claims against the Allies.

Churchill's Speech Distorted

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—German propaganda is already trying to distort the speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester.

The newspaper, "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," which is in close touch with the Nazi Foreign Office, said that Mr. Churchill reproached neutrals for "shirking from what is alleged to be their war."

There is no attempt to prove this point or back it up and Mr. Churchill himself would be somewhat puzzled to find out where they got this idea except possibly from his reference to the fact that Nazi sympathy for neutrals has been chiefly shown by sinking their ships.

Craigie To Negotiate

Settlement Of Asama Maru Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Domei).—It is learned from authoritative quarters that the British Government will authorise Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador in Tokyo, to effect an amicable settlement of the Asama Maru incident.

Although Britain still adheres to the point that the boarding of the Asama Maru and detention of 21 of its passengers was lawful, the political implications of the affair are to be taken into account by the British Ambassador.

It is believed that the British Government contemplates the release of any of the Germans who are not of military age.

Tokyo Comment

"The controversy over the Asama Maru incident provides food for thought," states the "Japan Times."

"The incident shows, as many others have done, how international relations may be strained through incidents which, by themselves, could be disposed of without any unnecessary displays of temper or spleen.

"Among some groups, the thought prevails in Japanese official circles that the Asama Maru case proves that not only Britain, but other accredited foreign representatives in Japan, have not always been good students of the people and conditions in this country.

"The fundamental point at issue is the slight and affront given to the dignity of the nation. Unless and until the case is approached with a determination to settle it from that point of view, no understanding can be expected between the two countries."

Turkey Receives Allies' Gold

ANKARA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Gold valued at £16,000,000, granted under the recent Anglo-French-Turkish agreement to strengthen Turkey's exchange, has arrived by special train from Syria.

GENERALISSIMO IN NEW POST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 29, (UP).—In addition to the several war-time posts he already fills Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to assume another administration.

The National Government has issued a mandate, appointing the Generalissimo as Director of the Szechuan Provincial Opium Suppression Board.

Chiang Ching-kuo, the Generalissimo's son, has been appointed Special Administrative Superintendent of the Fourth Zone in Kiangsi Province and Peace Preservation Commissioner.

During the past two years Chiang Ching-kuo has been vice-Commander of the Peace Preservation Commission in Kiangsi.

Orazio Foundered?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENOA, Jan. 29 (UP).—Despite an intensive search by seaplanes and tugs, the wreck of the Italian steamer Orazio has not been discovered.

It is believed that the burnt-out hull has foundered in the Mediterranean.

Pittman's Warning To Japan

President Will Have Wide Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate is to commence deliberations on the question of an embargo against Japan on Wednesday.

An announcement to this effect was made by Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Committee, this morning.

The Committee, said Senator Pittman, will move cautiously, as there is nothing "critical involved requiring hurried action."

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, will probably testify.

"We want to know how our citizens are being treated in the Far East now, before we act on the embargo proposals," Senator Pittman said.

"The President may never be called upon to use his powers to enforce an embargo.

"But the Administration will have such power available if the President cares to use it.

"Japan seems to be closing the door on us in the Orient.

"I know of five or six ways in which they have discriminated against us. We must see whether they are still doing it."

Opposition To Embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (Reuter).—Efforts to side-track legislation to impose an embargo on exports to Japan, but to extend additional financial aid to China are gaining some headway in the Senate, according to current reports.

Informal Advice

It is stated that Mr. Cordell Hull has informally advised the legislative leaders that the State Department preferred that no embargo should be imposed at present.

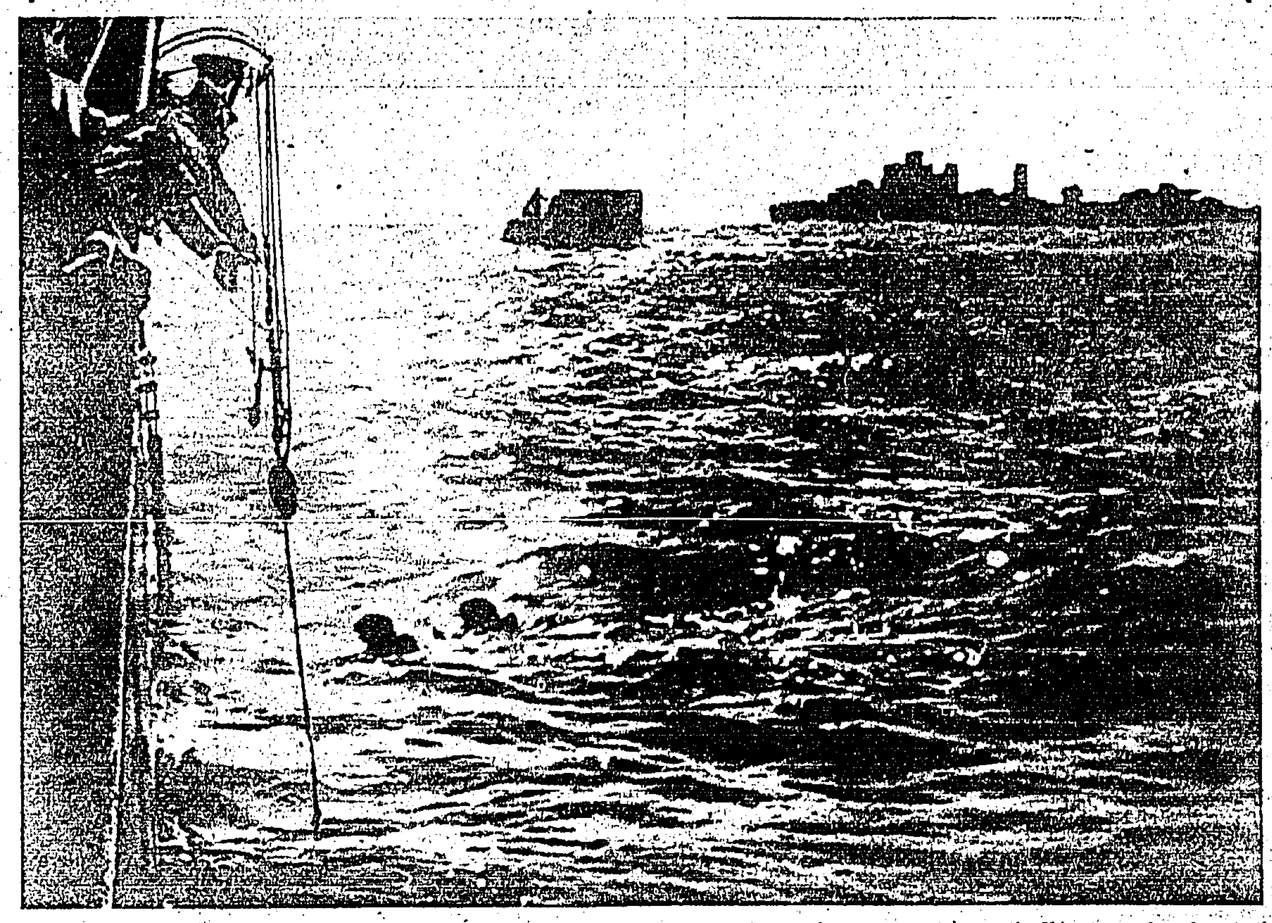
Mr. Hull is represented as being opposed to a complication of the commercial treaty with Japan, as the expiration of the treaty automatically means that Japan must respect United States rights if she wishes to continue trading.

NEW ANTI-RED AGREEMENT?

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The "Asahi Shimbun" understands that in a recent conference with the Japanese Ambassador in Rome, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, suggested that if because of the Soviet-German rapprochement Japan was dis-satisfied with the Anti-Comintern Pact, a new group of Anti-Comintern powers might be formed.

No further details are revealed by the "Asahi."

Dramatic Picture of Sinking U-Boat



This is the first photograph to be taken in this war of the sinking of a U-boat. Sound detectors told the destroyer that there was a pirate around, and depth charges were dropped. The U-boat made desperate efforts to get away unseen. But the depth-charges had found their target and water began to spurt in, so the U-boat was forced up to the surface. Immediately the destroyer fired on it. You can see two of the U-boat men swimming desperately to a rescuing British destroyer, while another, on the coning tower, prepares to leave the doomed craft.

GESTAPO WAR ON THE CATHOLICS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 28 (UP).—Remarkable allegations regarding the cruelty of the dreaded Nazi Gestapo in Poland bear all the weight of ecclesiastical truth in a report which is being prepared for His Holiness the Pope by Cardinal Hlend.

The venerable Catholic Cardinal alleges that the Gestapo caused the widespread murder and persecution of Catholic priests in Poland after the country was occupied.

His report lists the names of 15 priests who were shot by orders of the Gestapo. The dates of their deaths are given.

Other priests are alleged to have been subjected to beatings and other forms of ill-treatment at the hands of the dreaded German secret police.

"Priests and nuns have been persecuted and humiliated, and children have been driven from Catholic orphanages," the report claims.

It adds that several priests have been sent to Nazi concentration camps.

"It is now a common sight to see priests working under forced labour on the shattered roads and bridges in Poland.

Beaten Over Head

"German soldiers killed Father Mariano Shazpezak by beating him over the head with their rifle butts.

"Other priests were shut up in a pig-sty overnight while the Gestapo questioned them. They were barbarously beaten and tortured.

"Of a total of 261 parishes in Poland, over half are now without priests.

"The situation is becoming worse.

"The Catholic population of Poland is being violently torn from the soil and are being replaced by Germans, very few of whom are Catholics.

"Sermons in the Polish language are forbidden. They must be given in German.

"The Church in Poland is in the hands of the Gestapo. It is being stripped of its wealth. If this continues there will be total confiscation of all Catholic property.

"The Cathedral at Posnan is closed and the Gestapo is in charge. The Theological Seminary has been closed and the students dispersed.

"The Archbishop's Palace has been devastated."

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Barbed-Wire Barricade Electrified

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (Domei).—The suggestion advanced by "United Press" that the tightening of the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would be linked with the expiration of the Japan-American treaty of commerce and navigation, has been denied by a Japanese spokesman.

Japanese military authorities on January 27 issued a communique announcing the electrification of the barbed wire fence surrounding the British and French Concessions which was suspended on August 20, 1939, will be resumed at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The fences will again be charged with electricity because of the activities of anti-Japanese elements which often were sneaking from the Concessions into the Japanese occupied area.

It is recalled that "United Press" did not mention the Japanese communique stating that the Japanese action was "coincident" with the expiration of the treaty.

Americans May Act

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (UP).—The American Chamber of Commerce, which is preparing to take vigorous action against re-imposition of the Japanese blockade of foreign Concessions in Tientsin, is believed to be planning a new appeal to Washington.

Americans, as well as British and French, are suffering from the new restrictions and several minor incidents involving them have already occurred.

Americans attempting to enter or leave the British and French Concessions with parcels are forced to

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Lt. Holdsworth reports to the Police that his car struck two Chinese pedestrians in Nathan Road yesterday morning. The Chinese were taken to Kowloon Hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

Japanese Mass More Troops In Shansi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HINGTSI, Jan. 28 (Central).—Fighting in Shansi centres in the southeast part of the province.

After the collapse of their southward push from Changchih and Hukwan, the Japanese have massed some 6,000 troops for a new three-column drive in the same direction.

While engaging in front clashes, the Chinese are launching enveloping attacks at Changchih, Changtse and Hukwan to threaten the enemy bases.

They succeeded in breaking into Hukwan, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese. Several outer defence points of Changchih and Kaoping have returned to Chinese control.

In south Shansi the Japanese are on the defensive after their failure to dislodge the Chinese in the Chungtiao Mountain Range in repeated drives.

To the west of the Tsin River the Chinese are bringing pressure to bear upon the Japanese occupying Fowshan, 22 miles east of Linfen. Several units of Japanese reinforcements have been driven back. The Japanese at Linfen are also menaced by increasing Chinese activities around the city.

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LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

CHINESE DENY "PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE ENVOY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Referring to the allegation by a Japanese military spokesman on January 25th of a Chinese plot to assassinate Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, in an effort to cause a crisis in the Japanese-American relations, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated to-day that this was absolutely groundless.

The spokesman said he was most surprised that such an irresponsible statement should have been made by a Japanese official spokesmen.

The spokesman declared that he did not know whether there was any ulterior motive behind this allegation. But in view of the Japanese machine-gunning of the former British Ambassador to China Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the bombing of the Panay he hoped that such an irresponsible statement on the part of the Japanese would not lead to any irresponsible action.

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Combined Chinese Beat Civilians 4-2

(Continued from Page 6.)

Hau, dashed in and sent the ball rasping into the goal.

PRESSING HARD

THE CIVILIANS pressed harder than ever before, Pryde missed a header, 'Bertie' a terrific drive from just outside the penalty area. Forrow and Bickford both sent in winners which were all, however, just off the mark. The Chinese could only manage periodical raids which became more dangerous as the Civilian neglected defence and concentrated on attack. A sudden breakaway by the Chinese. Chan returned Chung's pass to him for the latter to dash up and centre Blackburn was too late in covering Hau who beat Taylor with another drive.

Civilians. — Taylor; Blackburn, Bone; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, Honnibali; Rubjahn, Pryde, B. Gosano, Forrow and Bickford.

Chinese.—Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Leung Wing-chiu, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-seng; Chung Ying-sum, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Hau Ching-to.

Referees 2 Press 0

It would happen to the Press!

After a blank first half, a second, in which they were the more aggressive and were aided by the stiff wind, they not only failed to score but allowed the Referees to sneak two goals in quick succession and carry the day in their annual match which served as a curtain raiser for the Chinese-Civilian match.

With few exceptions, two in fact, the Press fielded a team of either veterans or players who were making their first acquaintance with a football. One Press player thought a "T-Ball" was a ten dance for high government officials. He never had such an assignment.

The Referees, upholders of the Association Laws, were the chief breakers of them. They displayed their elbows like true mannequins.

K. K. Ip, former South China star, was the star turn for the Referees in the forward line, and led his men well. Salter, in goal was safe and was the mainstay of the Referees' defence saving time and again from 'terrific' bombardments by the Press.

Brokenshire, in goal for the Press gave an inspired performance under the circumstances, the shots that beat him were real eye-openers.

The Press kicked off facing the wind and pegged away at the Ref's goal. Au Shu-ngok teamed well with Martin, who in turn partnered well with Munton on the right wing. Omar, on the left wing, came in for some nice runs down the wing. The halves were very weak and it was left to the defence to break up the Ref's movements which they did nicely.

MORE THRILLS

THE SECOND HALF provided more thrills than the first. The Press kept the Refs in their own area till in a sudden breakaway the latter scored. Demee and Ip were to the fore. Shortly after, the Referees again found the net when Brokenshire had partially cleared a hard drive by Demee; the ball was tapped into the net with him unbalanced.

The Press were always trying hard for goals but they did not come.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

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By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

LETTERS

That Barrage

To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to the "remarkable" Domei Photo under the caption "Another amazing war picture" and showing "French anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting around a flight of German planes" that appeared in your issues of the 25th and 26th January, I enclose page 190 of the publication "Popular Flying" for July, 1938, which, you will note, contains exactly the same photograph, with the appended description:

"Dogs of war a' barking—but these dogs have lost their teeth. A bright display of imitation Archies put into benefit of Herr Hitler, on the occasion of his recent visit to that country."

I am still wondering "What is Truth?"

PILATE.

THE PHOTOGRAPH, reproduced above, was published in good faith. It seems certain that "Domei", who regularly receive photographs from reputable sources in Paris, London, New York and Berlin, have been the victim of a hoax. The local office of the Japanese agency are instituting immediate enquiries in Tokyo. They believe that the original photograph and caption came from Berlin as in illustration of the daring of German airmen. This, of course, would explain any perversion of the truth.—Ed.

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Les Presages (Symphony No. 6. (Tschaikowsky)
Valse des fleurs (Casse Noisette) Waltz.
"Coppelia" (Delibes).

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HUXLEY SEES NO LIMIT TO FUTURE OF MANKIND

WASHINGTON.—With an expression of faith at this dark hour of human affairs in the perfectability of men and in their "unlimited future," Julian S. Huxley, British scholar and natural scientist, declared here that the progress of the scientific method will undoubtedly succeed in producing a stable and well regulated society in the end.

"We need have no fear for the future of social science," he said. Following in the path of gradual self-correction and improvement hewed out by natural science, "it, too, will pass through similar phases from its present infancy.

"By the time that the profession of social science, pure and applied, includes as many men and women as are now engaged in natural science, it will have solved major problems of new method, and the results will have altered the whole intellectual climate."

Dr. Huxley spoke this week end at a banquet in his honour arranged by the Smithsonian Institution, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Scientific Monthly. His theme was essentially an optimistic one, tracing the different problems of values, bias, research, and correlation which are faced by the scientific method when it turns from natural to social science, but always indicating from the speaker's broad background that in due time these problems can and will be solved. His topic dealt with the fields of economics, sociology, and government and did not enter into the problems of metaphysics.

Problems In Exactness

Outlining some of the problems in the field of social science, Dr. Huxley said:

"In the first place, the social scientist absorbs certain ideas from familiar methods of his own culture will tend to be accepted as more natural and feasible than they really are.

"Values are deliberately excluded from the purview of natural science: but social science must include them. Values and all that they connote of motive, emotion, qualitative hierarchy, and the rest constitute some of the most important data with which the social scientist must deal with them? he asked. It must "aim at quantitative treatment: how can it deal with the irreducible absolutes of quality?" Natural science, Dr. Huxley said, "must be morally neutral and dispassionate: how can the social scientist handle the ethical bases of morality, the motives of passion?

Judgment Of Values

"Let us be frank with ourselves. There is a sense in which social science can never become fully and vigorously scientific. To understand and describe a system involving values is impossible without some judgment of values. . . .

"However, this is not quite so serious as at first sight appears. Even in natural science regarded as pure knowledge, one value-judgment is implicit—belief in the value of truth . . . The application of natural science is guided by considerations of utility. Utility is still a value-judgment. . . .

"Thus, rather crudely, we may say that in respect of the problem of values, social science is faced by the same difficulties as in natural science . . . The value-problem begins earlier for social science in the pure instead of the applied stage, that is all."

Practical Application

Turning, then, to more detailed applications of social science to present day affairs, Dr. Huxley said that society must "multiply at least tenfold, perhaps fifty-fold, the proportion of individuals and organisations devoted to obtaining information, to planning, correlation, and the flexible control of execution." The speaker added that present agencies working for these ends were inadequate.

"Newspapers and books, radio, universal education—these and other points of technological and social advance have given us in primitive form the mechanisms needed," he said. "At the moment, however, they are being, in the light of biological analogy, largely misapplied.

Need For Readjustment

"Education stops dead for most people in early adolescence, and concerns itself mainly with providing specialised techniques together with a bit of adolescent 'culture.' The cinema to-day is primarily an escape mechanism.

"Newspapers distort the balance of truth in the service of political or financial interests, and are driven by competition for advertising into sensation-mongering. The radio is as yet essentially a collection of scraps, a functional patchwork.

"Art as a communal function is moribund and needs to be recreated on a new social basis. Religion is in a similar position, and much of the population no longer feels its influence."

Whatever form the future organisations of society might take, Dr. Huxley said he believed present conditions justified the immediate abandonment of laissez-faire in favour of social and economic planning.

Dr. Huxley dealt somewhat briefly with the lessons which the social sciences can learn from biology, reading only a small portion of his text on this aspect, and plans to develop this subject further in other lectures on his present tour through the United States. The whole forms the subject matter of a book to be published shortly.

LATEST MOVIES

For Soldiers On Western Front

LONDON.—Three mobile film units have now left Britain for France, to entertain troops in the most advanced sections of the line. The Army is on wheels, so it has been decided that entertainment should be on wheels, too.

The chief film companies are giving their fullest co-operation towards the task of providing the British Expeditionary Force with the best entertainment within their powers. In some cases new films are to be exhibited to the troops before they reach the cinemas of London. Among the films already sent over to France are thrillers, slapstick comedies, and musical plays.

But although the Army is mechanised, it is to be given mechanised entertainment only. Living players are already being rehearsed in London for shows with which they are due to open in France at the beginning of December. Near the front line concert parties are to consist of men only, but in areas outside the range of immediate fire more elaborate programmes are to be given with mixed casts, and reasonably efficient and complicated fittings, costumes, and lighting.

Several celebrated people are connected with these shows. Sir Seymour Hicks, Jack Buchanan, and Leslie Henson are planning to go with parties overseas. Later on it is intended to form permanent theatrical companies for service in France.

These entertainments are being organised by the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institute. Every show begins with a song—

"We'll remember the meadows
And the fields of waving corn;
We'll remember the music
Of the land where we were born."

This is written and composed by Ivon Novello, author of "Keep the Home Fires Burning," one of the most popular songs of the Four Years' War. Mr. Novello is himself organising an entertainment for the troops, consisting of musical extracts from his various Drury Lane shows.

The cinema and theatre, however, are being put to more serious use in connection with the Army than is indicated in these activities. The Young Men's Christian Association is co-operating with the Christian Cinema and Religious Film Society in the showing of religious pictures to members of the Home Defence units round London. This society is also preparing a scheme whereby the hundreds of churches which used to hold religious film services before the Nation-wide black-out stopped their activities may resume operations.

the culture in which he has grown up. If he sets himself to investigate that culture, he must discount his class bias, his social bias, his nationalist bias. If he is investigating an alien culture, he must use a great effort of imagination to overcome the very fact of its alien quality: group bias will tend to make him find alien methods ridiculous, illogical, or inefficient, while the

LEAVE FOR A PRISONER

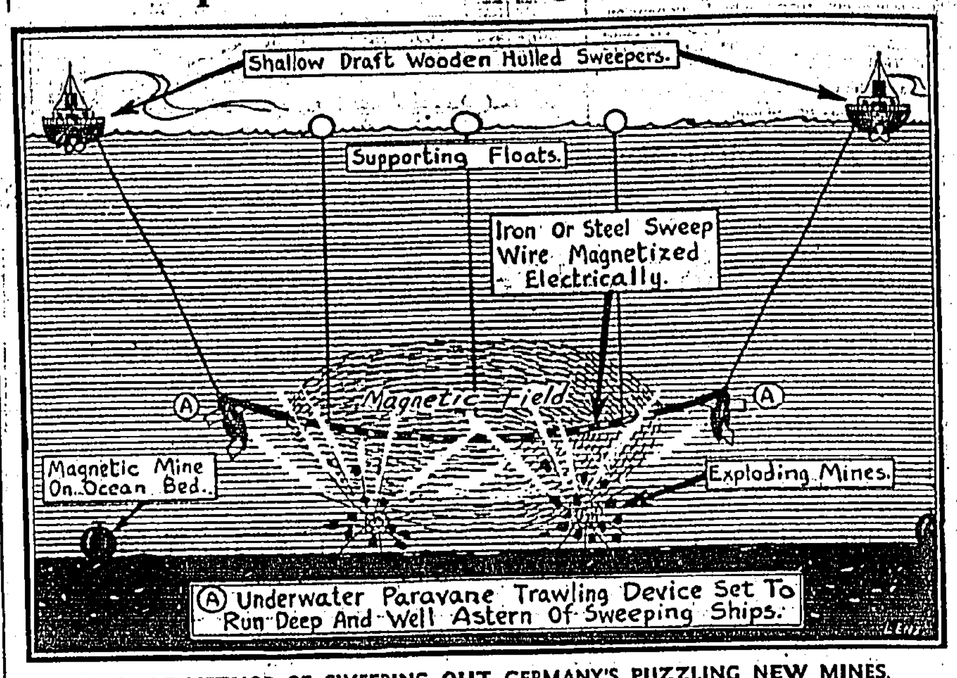
RESCUED SHIP'S SENTRY

Because of his heroism when the Belfast was damaged by explosion in the Firth of Forth a young able-set-man who was locked in a cell as a defaulter was given a day's shore leave.

When the explosion occurred the sentry outside his cell door was injured. He unlocked the door and his "prisoner," watched by officers and crew, picked up the injured sentry, carried him on deck, and tended him until doctors arrived.

The defaulter did not belong to the Belfast. In fact, the Belfast crew pride themselves on the fact that not one of them has been detained for any breach of regulations since the ship was commissioned.

Expert Hits at Magnetic Mines



POSSIBLE METHOD OF SWEEPING OUT GERMANY'S PUZZLING NEW MINES.
Although the British have announced they have developed a successful counter weapon to the magnetic mine, actual details are unknown.

BRITAIN FINDS DEVICE TO SWEEP OUT MINES

LONDON.—The Royal Navy has found counter weapons for the German magnetic mine, naval circles have disclosed.

Apparatus is being installed in ships on a large scale and the authorities are confident it will prove successful in sweeping estuaries and trade channels where German submarines and planes have planted mines.

The design of the new apparatus is an Admiralty secret, but one naval authority expressed the opinion it would master the magnetic mine.

With the secret of Germany's magnetic mines now revealed, observers are speculating on the safest and most effective means of disposing of the undersea menace.

With the World War type of mine it was possible to drag at some distance from the mine sweeper for the cable which conected the floating mine with its anchor. This line was cut, and when the mine bobbed to the surface it could be set off with rifle fire.

But with the new type of magnetic mine, of which three were recently salvaged intact by the British, mine-sweeping operations take on a somewhat more complicated aspect.

[Details of the magnetic mine, given in The Christian Science Monitor Dec. 7, indicate that the mine lying on the ocean floor is actuated by a small coil-wound bar. A steel-hulled ship passing overhead acts as a permanent magnet, inducing a small current which makes the coil-wound bar operate as an electromagnet, releasing the firing device.]

Inasmuch as the magnetic mine is actuated by steel-hulled ships, wooden craft are the first requisite for the new mine-sweeping operations.

One possible scheme would be to blow the mines up by dragging a magnetized sweep over them. This would require two wooden-hulled trawlers travelling at a suitable distance apart. From each ship would be extended a line, held below the surface at the proper distance by a so-called paravane or "kite"—a device equipped with vanes which, when in motion in the water, tends to pull below the surface.

Between the two kites would be a sweep of heavy wire rope, or one-inch chain, suitably wired for being magnetized electrically. The kites could be set so that the sweep would clear the bottom and be towed well astern of the two light-draft sweepers.

If necessary, floats could be employed to take up the sag which might result from the heavy sweep extending any distance between the kites, and tending to pull the kites together.

The toll in ruined sweeps would be high, but a plentiful supply of spares would keep the sweepers going.

Meanwhile, it will be interesting to learn how Britain recovered specimens of the German magnetic mines. Having no buoyancy, these mines could not have drifted ashore or have been swept up by conventional means.

The only alternative method appears to have been to send a diver down to locate one of the mines and devise a means of hoisting it out of the water.

Such an operation would obviously require great risks, both on the part of the diver, and on the part of those engaged in hoisting and transporting the mine to shore.

Moreover, the entire procedure constitutes a most delicate operation.

'Safest Way?

By a Naval Expert

She Was Robbed, Arrested As Spy, Went Foodless

Sunday Express Special Representative

NINETEEN-YEAR-OLD Priscilla Pritchard walked into the Sunday Express offices yesterday penniless and worried by a debt of £40 to the British Foreign Office. It meant much more to her than her nightmare journey from Poland, which started at the beginning of September and had just come to an end.

Her mother, a doctor's semi-invalid widow living on a small farm at Ulverston, Lancashire, had no news of her after the German invasion until Priscilla reached Kaunas, in Lithuania, on November 2. She had been reported dead.

Miss Pritchard had lived in Warsaw since 1938 as companion to a wealthy Polish woman. When the German invasion began she decided to get back to England at once and, on September 2, the day before Britain declared war, she obtained the visa which would allow her to leave for Latvia.

Here is the rest of her story, as she told it to me:—

Two Days' Wait

"It was September 5 before I got the ticket to take me on the train to Vilna. But the train did not leave for two whole days, during which I sat on my cases at the station.

"While waiting in the station crowds I was robbed of my wallet, containing 150 zlotys and my ticket. I had to buy another ticket, and started the journey with only 120 zlotys.

"In three days the train travelled only forty miles.

"On the third day we had our first bite of food.

"The only time we were free from the dread of the bombs was at night. We had bombing all through the day every ten minutes or so. Occasionally we had a respite of half an hour.

"It got so bad on the third day that we got out of the train to walk. The German planes came skimming the top of the train.

Hid In Wood

"About twenty of us hid in a small wood, between Minsk and Seidlic.

"The German observers must have seen us, and down they swooped. I will never forget one little boy. He was about twelve years old. He ran out from his cover, and was killed by machine-gun bullets. He was not the only one.

"We set out to walk to Seidlic, about four miles away. When we arrived the town was in flames.

"So we started to walk from Seidlic to Brezse, a distance of about twenty miles.

"At Brezse came the German bombers again. The people were fleeing. I left at three in the morning.

"After that we progressed as far as Lwow. It was so near freedom I wept. But the Germans had arrived before us, and bit by bit we fell back to Brezse . . . until the Russians arrived.

"I had been travelling with two officers named Ludvik and Edward.

"At Brezse Ludvik found some of his friends, and they gave us food and shelter. Here, outside a little Catholic church, he proposed to me.

"Friends of Ludvik gave me money for a ticket to Vilna. At Vilna I was arrested as a spy. When the Lithuanians arrived there—I think it was October 31—I was allowed to go. The British consul at Kaunas arranged for my ticket home."

Interport XV Beat Rest

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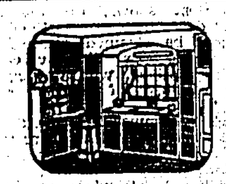
Rutherford gave a good service from the scrum. Roscoe, at fullback, was kept busy having generally to fall in on the wing to take the opposing winger. That the Rest did not score was due to good tackling by the fullback.

Roe was a steady full-back for the Rest. Bowden, Jackson and Burrell played well in a three-quarter line which was put out of gear frequently by a faulty stand-off half. Foley worked hard at scrum-half. Among the forwards, Ferris, Miller, Dempsey and Sheldrake caught the eye occasionally.

Foley scored for the Rest near the flag. With a magnificent kick Burrell converted. After hitting an upright with a free-kick, McRae later kicked a penalty goal to obtain three points for Club.



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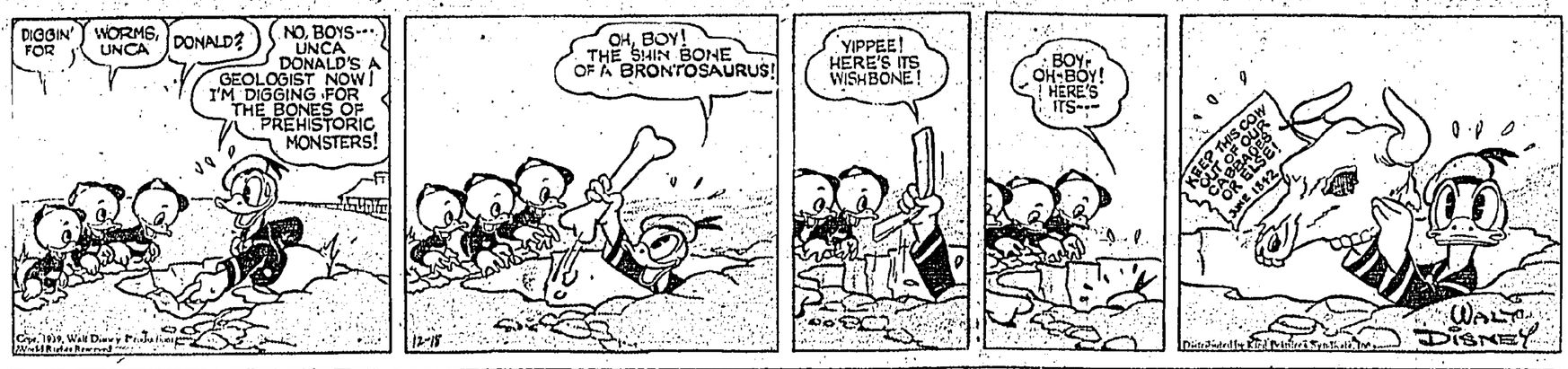

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For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as "the £70,000-a-year bride," is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a whist drive to raise money for comforts for the troops.

Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

"But I like it," she said. "I am really happy in my job.

"I detest the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.

"I have qualified as a junior probationer nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day when I appeared with a little lipstick on matron told me to go and wash my face. She was quite right. I never did it again.

"None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.

Like Waterloo

"Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.

"Poor things! They were home-sick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying 'Thank you for a nice holiday.'"

But she didn't tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn't tell me that at a soldiers' camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

Doing Her Bit

She didn't tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

"She's a lovely lady," he said, "and certainly doing her share to win the war. I've known her since she was so high."

And Mrs. Gardner added, "She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day's nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can't do too much for us or for the soldiers."

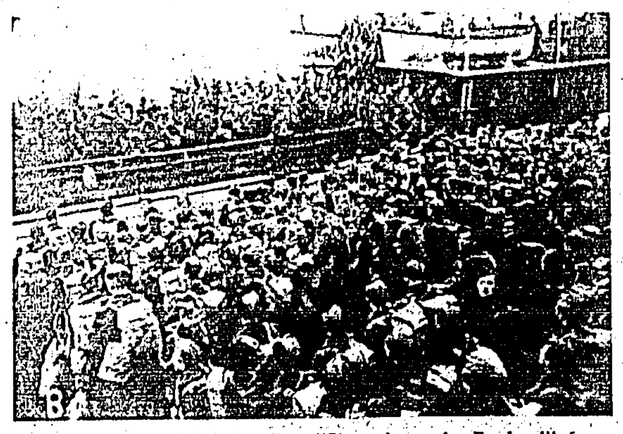
Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten; as wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward . . . to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS landing "Somewhere in England" for the first time in 23 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

Armed Robberies

Two armed robberies in villages on the outskirts of Kowloon were reported to the Police yesterday.

Six or seven men armed with revolvers entered a shop at 46 Ngau Tau Kok village on Saturday night. They held up the master, Man Mun, 41, and ransacked the premises, taking $32 and a quantity of cigarettes.

Violence was used by a gang of three men who entered a house occupied by Tse Shum, 36, vegetable gardener, in Kong Pau Tin village about 1 a.m. yesterday. One of the robbers produced a revolver and kept Tse covered while the other two attempted to tie him up.

Tse struggled, and was hit on the face and head with poles. The armed man opened fire, but did not hit anyone. With Tse lying disabled on the ground, the robbers ransacked the house and decamped. Tse was taken to the Kowloon Hospital by neighbours.

JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was reprieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: "There is only one sentence." He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

"I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case."

Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncur gave Mrs. Clema Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

1898 KILLER LEFT FORTUNE

SAN FRANCISCO (UP).—If Barney the cook is still alive, a fortune awaits him, and he need have no fear that he will be tried for a killing 42 years ago.

Barney the cook, whose name was either Owen Kenney or Eugene Kenney, has not been seen since he ran from a San Francisco court room 33 years ago just before he was freed on a writ of habeas corpus because records connecting him with the slaying of Patrick Dolan had been destroyed in the earthquake and fire.

H. H. McPike, former United States Attorney, revealed that Barney's brother had died and left blocks of real estate in New York and Brooklyn.

McPike recalled that in 1897 Barney killed Dolan. He charged Dolan, a bartender, had robbed him of $2,000.

Barney was sent to the State Hospital for the Insane and in 1906 he was pronounced cured and returned to San Francisco for trial on the murder charge.

FILM STRIKE OFF

Hollywood film studio workers have been granted wage increases and the strike will not take place. This was announced by the workers' representatives.

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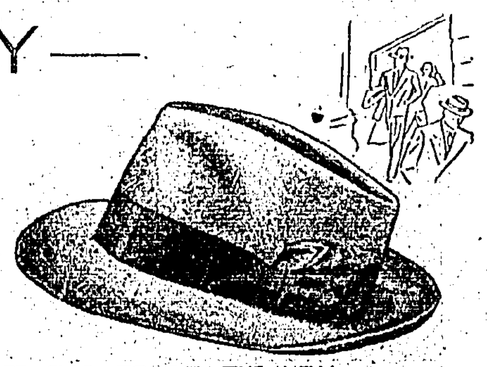

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Diminishing Mercy

The treatment of the Poles and the Czechs by their German masters takes the mind back to the worst legends of the great Asiatic conquerors. These two nations are to be turned into slave States. They are regarded by the German Government as so many millions of human beings whose homes, property, lives, and labour are to be used by their conquerors at their pleasure. It is amazing, when we read of these expropriations, these forced migrations, these plans for settling Poles and Czechs where they can best serve their masters, to think that the ruler of Germany still speaks of the Treaty of Versailles as a monster of injustice.

A decree has been issued in Berlin stating that compulsory labour service for projects of particular State importance was to be enforced in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. What is there in the Treaty of Versailles comparable with this? If that treaty was intolerably harsh, what would be said of it if it had provided that great numbers of Germans were to be rooted up from their homes and set down in Britain and France to work for the British and French Governments? In what language would it have been described not only in Germany but in Britain as well? At this moment great bodies of Polish civilians are so employed in Germany. Poles and Czechs are treated as chattels.

The Germans hope by these methods not only to serve their large exploiting plans but also to break the spirit of the two nations.

The terrible events of the last few years suggest a sad reflection. The world to-day is more humane in most respects than it was a century ago, but the use made of power by those who can seize it is more ruthless. Napoleon was ruined by his fantastic ambition, but he was a merciful conqueror when compared with Hitler. He did not fill the Europe he mastered with concentration camps or flood with unnumbered fugitives the Europe that was still free. There were countries where his rule was remembered with gratitude and almost with affection. As for his nephew, Napoleon III of the second Empire, the worst that can be said of him would paint a ruler mild and tolerant if we turn to our modern dictators. He was responsible for the casualties of the coup d'etat of December, 1851, but he did not will them. Indeed the bloodshed in the streets of Paris was as damaging to his interests as it was distressing to his temperament. To-day nobody can read Victor Hugo's chastisement of a tyranny that would seem to-day hardly to deserve the name without thinking of the thunder that would have shaken Europe if he had lived to see the planned massacres, the concentration camps, the cold and deliberate cruelty on which Hitler builds his State. What is the significance of this growth of ruthlessness? One explanation is that both Napoleons wanted something besides power for themselves and their State. Hitler wants to tie the European peoples whom he can subdue, as he would use any colonies he might recover, as reservoirs of human labour for the service of the German race. He sees the life of man in no other aspect. His pursuit of this purpose is undisturbed by any of the larger impulses that moved the Napoleons. The traditions to which he reverts are not those of Roman but of Oriental empire. That is why the struggle on which we are engaged to-day, and the constructive efforts on which we hope to be engaged to-morrow, have for their object the defence of the most elementary of the rights of man.

TIME BOMB!

WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

By B. Mackenzie
News Chronicle Rome Correspondent

ROME.

FORTY-FOUR MILLION Italians have ringside seats, ensconced behind the bulwarks of the Alps, watching the European war. They are fearful of what the future will bring.

Mussolini's recent messages have caused widespread relief, in spite of official cold douches from London and Paris, and hopes that the nations will sit down at a conference to discuss European ills are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consolidate a Southern European peace bloc are followed with keen interest. His first success, scored with Greece, and the conversations now proceeding with Yugo-Slavia are hopeful signs that the Duce's dream of a united Southern Eusopean peace front is still maturing. Bulgaria is considered a good ally, linked by marriage to Italy's royal house, while Hungary is a proven friend.

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Rumania's position is uncertain, but the Italian forecast, following the Soviet's move along her border, is that Rumania will veer under Italy's wing. Reports of the withdrawal of Italian troops concentrated in the Dodecanese, which were relayed from London, are evidence of a gesture towards Turkey and of the Duce's peaceful thrust in Southern Europe continuing.

The results of the Turkish Foreign Minister's Moscow visit are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian neutrality has kept Turkey at bay and it is felt that Ciano has played the first move on the Southern European chessboard brilliantly. Practical Italians foresee fruitful exchanges of raw materials between Italy and the Balkans now that the Nazis are busy fighting.

Unhampered sea communications offer an excellent way of reviving the anaemic ports of Fiume and Trieste for communications with the Balkans. The Balkans have many materials which Italy can buy in exchange for machinery and manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia of the Italian man-in-the-street, who is poring over maps displayed in shop windows showing the Russian gains, is:

"Well, Russia seems to be doing well. Chi ci capisce niente ? (who understands anything about it ?)."

Russia's entry into Axis high society is a blow and raises many questions. Italians do not understand why Britain and France have not helped Poland.

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German propaganda is stressed. The distribution of pamphlets by British bombers is considered childish by Italians with allied leanings. If leaflets can be thrown, why not send planes to Poland to destroy German planes, they ask.

The inherent sympathy of the Italian man in the street for Britain is manifested in small ways as is also admiration for Britain and France for taking on the colossal German war machine. There is no question but that Italian faith in the Duce is very firm, though there is a whispering campaign unparalleled in seventeen years of Fascism.

The queerest stories, apparently quite unfounded, are whispered from lips to lips. Mussolini, knowing full well the pulse of the nation, since he is informed what Italians say every morning by his chief carabineers and police chiefs, found the appropriate moment to stem this campaign, which, according to diplomatic circles, will now be relentlessly curbed.

What of the future? Italians are philosophical, for the present neutrality is assured for at least one month. But the question is: "What happens if Hitler calls?" That the Pope and the Duce are working for peace is comforting, but an ominous sign is seen in recent broadcasts extolling the valour of the heroes of the last war. A.R.P. instructions are especially broadcast in the lunch-hour telling how one should deal with gas-bombs and burning lofts, and so on, and how to economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to increase her foreign trade with a save and sell campaign, Italy appears to be taking no chances. A modest Italian woman asked me: "Why do nations scrap like women in a back court when a mutual interchange of deficient materials would solve all their difficulties ?"

There is a widespread feeling of sympathy with Poland and respect for the valour of the Polish troops, but in the view of practical observers Poland would have benefited by climbing down to the German demands, as is evidenced by the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very busy concerning on tightening her belt still further—a practice indulged in since the beginning of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolutionised. We are short of coffee, and young men are unable to take their best girls for a Sunday drive. Private cars are allowed only for the "national interest." The platinum blondes are barred from their moonlit car drives.

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The nation is calm, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness about what the future holds. There is a widespread impression that every day out of war profits the nation as a whole, and that time may find a solution which will not involve the Italians and will cure the world once and for all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the street congregates round the wireless sets to hear the latest bulletins from the Western Front. He is very curious to know how the impregnable Maginot and Siegfried barriers can be pierced.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

"Gad! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar to spend !"

FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

The report says that following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish war, shortage of food and fuel is rapidly increasing.

Diplomatic circles point out that internal unrest in the Soviet Union would have an immediate effect on the Soviet-Finnish war, and would eventually seriously bear on the developments of the European situation.

Nazi-Red Talks

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Reliable information reaching here says that M. Potempkin, the assistant Soviet Foreign Commissar, will shortly proceed to Berlin. The object of his trip is not made known.

French Deputies In England

Studying Britain's War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wireless).—A very warm welcome has been given to the party of French Deputies which arrived in London yesterday by British Parliamentarians with whom they will have many opportunities for common discussion and personal exchange during the visit, the programme of which has also been planned to give them means of appreciating the British war effort.

The French party is led by the former Foreign Minister, M. Delbor, who this evening broadcast a message of France describing the purpose of the visit.

Dinner At Embassy

The French Ambassador gave a dinner to-night at which representatives met members of the French delegation, and the British Government is giving a dinner to-morrow night.

On Tuesday the visitors will dine with their British colleagues at the House of Commons.

Newspapers give much prominence to the arrival of the party, and meetings with British M.Ps. are regarded as providing a useful aid to fuller mutual understanding between the elected representatives of the British and French people which is an essential foundation for the close collaboration upon which the two governments have embarked.

BIG HAUL BY PIRATES

A LARGE Hongkong-registered ocean-going junk is the latest victim of Chinese pirates.

Cargo valued at over $6,000 was taken form the vessel, which was en route from Swatow to Hongkong.

The incident occurred east of Sam Mun Customs Station, when two large junks approached and forced the master of the Hongkong junk, Lam Man-fung, to heave to.

According to a report to the police, about forty men were involved in the piracy. Eleven—five armed with rifles and six with revolvers—boarded the junk and locked the crew and passengers below for 48 hours.

After the cargo was transferred the pirates decamped.

British Recruiting Office In France

PARIS, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris.

British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 50 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

The Censor Thaws Out

Reveals Britain's Arctic Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"The ice has been broken by the censor," chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during to-day's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen—and hence for German airmen—popular comments on "weather" at home have been dropped from Empire news bulletins for some time.

To-day, the censor allowed the B.B.C. to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago.

Coldest For 46 Years

This includes the coldest weather in 46 years, freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends.

"It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again."

QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE

Armed Robbers Seized Within Few Minutes

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hongkong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered.

The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Cheong Street, occupied by the Luen Fat money-changing establishment.

Five men, all armed with revolvers, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the revolver.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door.

They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Toi hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

GERMAN WOMAN IN H.K. COURT

A GERMAN woman whose husband is stated to be distantly connected with the famous German House of Rothschild appeared in a Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of entering the Colony without a valid passport.

The woman was Frau Fanny Rothschild. Her address was given as Koln, Germany.

She arrived by plane from Marseilles on January 25, stating that she was attempting to re-join her husband in Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. J. T. Houston, made an order for her expulsion.

Three Word War Communique

Paris, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—For the fifth day in succession, this morning's French communique said, "Nothing to report."

It is learned that British and French sea patrols carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are yet available.

RIOTING IN RANGOON

Hooligans Create Disorder

SINGAPORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter). — The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession yesterday.

Only hooligan elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.

The area has been quiet since Saturday night.

Waterloo Stn. Nearly Ready

London Terminus Is Modernised

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wireless).—In spite of the great calls, due to the war, made on the Southern Railway, the modernisation of Waterloo City Railway has been rapidly proceeded with and now approaches completion. The change-over to the new system is expected to take place in early summer, and passengers will find entirely new rolling stock constructed on modern principles designed to give maximum comfort.

The journey also will be much quieter as the rails have been welded together—the method found most effectively to reduce noise. A speedy exit from this much-used railway will be assured by means of a triple escalator which has been installed at the city end.

JAPANESE MASS MORE TROOPS IN SHANSI

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The situation in west Shansi is comparatively quiet.

Chekiang Town Raided

KINHWA, Jan. 29 (Central).—Seven Japanese planes flying from Hangchow bombed Chuki, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway south of Siaoshan, on Saturday. They released over 30 bombs which wrecked some 40 houses. No casualties were reported.

Japanese Retreat

FANCHENG, Jan. 29 (Central).—Japanese forces recently defeated north of Suihsien in north Hupeh are continuing their retreat towards Anlu and Yingshan, southeast of Suihsien.

The invaders in the Kingshan-Chungsiang-Yangtzuchen area have been inactive owing to Chinese vigilance.

Chinese Attack Siaoshan

KWEILIN, Jan. 29 (Central).—A military communique released here states that Chinese forces have recaptured Kanshanchen and Yachienchen, two important points on the Siaoshan-Shaoching highway, during the week-end, and are launching a concerted attack on Siaoshan, opposite Hangchow across the Chientang River.

Yuehchangkiao, two miles south of Siaoshan, returned to Chinese hands after sharp engagement on Saturday. One unit of Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Siaoshan by the south gate but later again withdrew.

The Japanese are rushing repairs to the Chientang bridge which was damaged by Chinese forces. A large number of remnant Japanese, marooned at isolated points on the brink of the river, are being mopped up by the Chinese.

Wenchiayen, three miles west of Siaoshan, was abandoned by the Japanese following the Chinese recapture of Linpu. Many dead bodies were abandoned by the Japanese during heir retreat eastward to Siaoshan.

NEWS ITEM WAS TEN YEARS OLD!

A news story published in the "Telegraph" on Saturday was, on investigation, found to be ten years old!

It related to the forthcoming arrival in Hongkong of six Officers for the China Squadron and was intended for the "A Look Through the Telegraph" feature.

The sub-editor into whose hands it passed believed it to be an item of recent news and edited it accordingly.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1890.

Would it not have been just as well for our morning contemporary to have made some inquiry before publishing the paragraph in its issue of yesterday, in which, on the more *ipse dixit* of an anonymous correspondent, "a female of a certain class" is accused of having taken the lead at the Racecourse in what is described as a "most indecent and revolting spectacle?"

As to the "Correspondent," if he is a man with the slightest pretensions to be ranked as a gentleman, he will at once, above his own name, give particulars to the community of Hongkong of this "most indecent and revolting spectacle," which he says he witnessed at the Race-course. The credit of the colony is at stake in a matter of this sort; if "indecent and revolting spectacles" are exhibited by women in public places in open daylight, it is high time that the police authorities took active steps to put down such disgraceful scandals.

It appears that on Friday evening last a new arrival in the town—described as "a female of a certain class"—committed a great enormity of indulging in a few waltz steps with a certain male person at the Race-course, believing that their impromptu practice for the winter dances, now in full swing, was only witnessed by their personal friends.

Considering the strictly moral atmosphere which has ever enveloped the Hongkong Racecourse, it was very wrong of the lately arrived young female to imagine herself in San Francisco, and under that erroneous impression commit such an enormity as to waltz in open daylight with a gentleman—who, at least, certainly ought to have known better; but we very gravely doubt whether such perfectly innocent recreation, no matter how bad the taste displayed by both these disciples of Terpsichore, can be fairly described as "a most indecent and revolting spectacle." Where does the indecency come in, and what can there possibly be revolting in a woman dancing a few waltz steps with a man.

It must not be imagined for a moment that we are specially defending the so-called "unseemly conduct" of this erring female; on the contrary we think that she did not exercise a wise discretion in making a public exhibition of herself before this anonymous purist in open daylight, and would strongly recommend her to be more circumspect in future.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1915.

It is unfortunate that there should be so little definite information available as to the pre-newspaper days of Hongkong; beyond a few State papers, an occasional private diary, and perhaps a rare travel-book or two, one has little better source of information than tradition and hearsay. There should be, however, somewhere in existence, the early files of the "Hongkong Gazette," which dates back to the first year of British occupation, and was first printed in Macao by the American Mission Press.

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A photograph attached to the cover of the "Weekly Telegraph"—ready on Saturday—will show the ill-fated Emden as she lies on the Cocos Island, battered to pieces by the gun-fire of H.M.A.S. Sydney.

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Our American friends are inclined to twit us for failing to maintain our word in Belgium. Let them consider what would happen if they were called on suddenly to defend the Monroe doctrine against a great power like Germany in South America. They would be more helpless to drive the invaders out than England is in the case of Belgium.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1930.

At a time when we encounter a good deal of nonsensical and ill-informed comment regarding Britain's colonising methods, it is most refreshing to read the compliment uttered by the French Premier at the Lord Mayor's banquet held in connection with the London Naval Conference.

"When it comes to preserving peace in far distant lands and among different races," said M. Tardieu, "Great Britain can claim to have played the finest role that human genius could conceive."

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1935.

The news that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has written a slow march for the bagpipes has greatly surprised Court circles, as only his most intimate friends were let into the secret.

Rex Boarded By R. N. Unit

Asama Maru Incident Had Precedent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 28, (UP).—It is now revealed that the Italian liner Rex, in which 58 members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus reached Genoa to-day, was stopped by a British warship in the Atlantic.

A boarding party went aboard the 52,000-ton Italian liner.

The German seamen were permitted to remain aboard.

It has been revealed that the Portuguese steamer Carvalho Araujo (4,560 tons), which runs between the Azores and Lisbon, was recently hailed by a British warship when off the Portuguese coast.

The warship took off 25 German passengers of military age who had been trying to return to Germany from the Azores.

Unlike the Asama Maru incident, Portugal recognises Britain's right to remove Germans of belligerent age from neutral ships, and no protest has been lodged regarding this incident.

War Anniversary Quietly Observed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eighth Anniversary of the beginning of the Shanghai war in 1932 was observed quietly in Chungking by comforting the families of soldiers at the front with money and food.

A lecture was given by General Chun Chih-chung, the Shanghai commander in the second Shanghai war.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2 1/8
Demand do.	1/2 1/8
T.T. Shanghai	305
T.T. Singapore	52½
T.T. Japan	104¼
T.T. India	82⅛
T.T. U.S.A.	24⅝
T.T. Manila	49¼
T.T. Batavia	45⅞
T.T. Bangkok	150¼
T.T. Saigon	108¼
T.T. France	10.85
T.T. Switzerland	108¼
T.T. Australia	1/6⅞

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/3.9/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25⅜
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.90

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks $	1,365 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. (Reg.) £	87 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £	88 n.
Chartered £	8⅞ n.
Mercantile, C. £	28⅞ n.
Mercantile, C. £	11¾ n.
East Asia $	78 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton $	207 n.
Union $	470 n.
China Underwriter $	1¼ s.
H.K. Fire $	180 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases $	80 b.
Steamboats $	11 n.
Indo-Chinas P$	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	80 n.
Shell (Bearers s/-	78/9 n.
Waterboats $	7½ n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves $	103 n.
Docks $	21 sa.
Providents $	4½ n.
New Eng. Sh.	19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh. $	240 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	18/- n.
Raubs $	10 n.
Venz. Gold $	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3½ cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels $	5.40 n.
Lands $	33.00 b.
Lands 4% Debentures	100 n.
Shai' Lands Sh. $	14.40 n.
Humphreys $	8¾ n.
H.K. Realties $	4.60 n.
Chinese Estates $	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams $	17¾ sa.
Peak Trams (old) $	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) $	4 n.
Star Ferries $	66¼ n.
Y. Ferries $	24¼ b.
China Lights (old) $	7.70 n.
China Lights (new) $	4¾ n.
H.K. Electrics $	55¼ b.
Macao Electrics $	20 sa.
Sandakan Lights $	11¼ n.
Telephones (old) $	24½ b.
Telephones (new) $	9.60 n.
Tractions s/-	19/6 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	19/9 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald Macg. (Ord.), Sh. $	14.90 n.
Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. $	12 n.
Canton Ices $	1 n.
Cements $	18.60 n.
H.K. Ropes $	6.00 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old) $	22.60 s.
Dairy Farms (new) $	21½ n.
Watsons $	9 n.
Lane, Crawfords $	7½ n.
Sinceres $	1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.) $	41 n.
Powell, Ltd. $	1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. $	33 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh. $	170 n.
Zoong Sing, Sh. $	44 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh. $	48½ n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments $	6.00 b.
Constructions (old) $	1¾ n.
Constructions (new) $	1 n.
Vibro Piling $	8¾ n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G. Bonds	50% n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	102 s.
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan	95¾ n.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	15/9 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

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undergo examination, despite the possession of Japanese Consular passes.

Small parcels of food are admitted into the Concession only with reluctance.

Chinese peasants, evading the Japanese sentries, are throwing small quantities of food over the electrified barbed-wire barricades.

The Japanese-controlled Chinese police appear to be disinterested in the latest evidence of Japanese agitation against foreigners.

Sections of the electrified barrier have been protected by additional barricades in order to prevent accidental approach.

Although the barricades were electrified at 11 o'clock last night there have, so far, been no incidents.

CENSORING THE POLITICIANS

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, is not making the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 26.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the defence regulations of Canada.

GRIPPS ENTERTAINERS HAD BUSY AFTERNOON

WHEN WAR was declared in September, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers, were working in Paris.

When the night-life of the gay French capital became quieter and the large hotels closed down on their lavish entertaining, Mimi and Jose decided to go back to America—but not across the Atlantic.

They arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, en route to New York.

They were expected originally on Thursday, and arrangements were made for them to stop-over in this Colony in order to appear for a brief season at the Hongkong Hotel.

Though their liner was delayed, the two Mexican entertainers were able to make their bow at the Gripps as originally scheduled.

But they had to come ashore in their rehearsal costumes to commence rehearsals, half-an-hour after their ship tied up, with Nick Korin's Orchestra.

The entertainment provided by the Mexican stars gave patrons of the Gripps a genuine thrill on Saturday night, and it was necessary to clear the floor on each of their three appearances by starting up the dance music. Demands for encores could not be fulfilled as Mimi and Jose were only able to rehearse the three numbers for which they were billed during the short time they were at the Hotel after their landing.

Their acts consist of Spanish and Mexican dancing and songs.

Mimi's wardrobe, incidentally, includes some of the latest creations from Paris.

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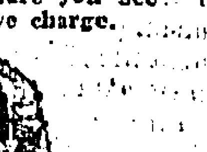

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT INTERPORT XV WIN

COMBINED CHINESE CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rex")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end.

This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it.

Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off-colour, and, but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce.

A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form and covered Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-cheong in his itinerary and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-halves, Maxwell and Honniball supported him well. Honniball was the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and a lack of support from Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

A SUBSTITUTE

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Rumjahn, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself, his closing-in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Kwok-wai, and Soong Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed.

B. Gosano was a trier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has the speed, dash and ball control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow vied with Pryde for honours in the forward line. His headwork and passes were perfect. He worked for Bickford and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

GREAT PERFORMANCE

CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards.

Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spoiling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times.

The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disjointed. Hsu King-seng gave another excellent performance at pivot. He had the full measure of Bertie and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get his forwards going when they were beaten back. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu centred his attention on Forrow, meanwhile keeping his eye on Bickford whom he allowed to elude time and again through his lack of speed.

The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than Chung Yung-sum who gave a great display. His fine runs down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which packed the stands.

THE KICK-OFF

CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved from Fung. Minutes later Chinese again attacked, Taylor saving this time from Chan and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked Forrow's parting shot from a pass from Pryde was cleared by Lee Tin-sang. Bickford sent in some lovely daisy cutters which caused Cheung at goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead.A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal the ball bounding off his head behind the posts.

From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed it in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players.

Civilian pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Bickford was hurt. There was lull until Chinese took the initiative and Chung was sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

CIVILIANS ATTACK

UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Bickford sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to fist it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-timed, the ball scraped the upright to glance into the net. This score stood till half time with much mid field play.

The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent Chung off with another glorious pass for the latter to centre right across the Civilians' goal-mouth Hau dashing in from nowhere to meet it first time the ball whistling past Taylor.

This seemed to give added zest to the Civilian who pressed harder. Goals were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Bickford off with a nice pass. Bickford in turn passed to Forrow who flashed it goalwards Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Rumjahn, emulating

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HOW TEAMS FARED

Lai Wah Cup

Army	5 Navy	2
C. Chinese	4 Civilians	2

Senior Shield First Round Replay

Club	0 Royal Scots	4

First Division

Kwong Wah	1 St. Joseph's	3
Kowloon	1 S. China "B"	2

Second Division "A"

South China	2 5th R.A.	0

Second Division "B"

R.A.F.	- University	-

(Postponed)

Third Division

Signals	2 Royal Scots	1
South China	1 Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	1 Kumaons	2
12th R.A.	5 International	2
5th R.A.	0 24th R.A.	3

Friendly Match

Press	0 Referees	2
Police	7 Reserves	1

Junior Cricket

Champions' Farewell To Shield?

SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday.

Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Craigengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs.

K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the stolid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly on its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly.

The third wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was exasperating for the K.C.C. to remember afterwards that Patterson should have been caught quite comfortably off a cocked-up shot to leg after he had scored a single. Thereafter he made no mistakes, and ambled along steadily towards his half-century.

MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE

Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor was also difficult to get away until he tired, and then he was hit for four fours in one over.

The Army took two full hours to score their 169 for 5 declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling.

With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible.

The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fargus had Lay brilliantly caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke.

Baxter stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop.

SIX MINUTES TO SPARE

Goodban, playing the ball firmly with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending.

Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodban, in attempting to steal the bowling was stumped. Army won with about six minutes to spare.

The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed, the opening trundlers were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the side together after a bad start.

Women's Tennis

MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steadier all round and retrieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Lo-Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form.

Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid forehand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out.

Mrs. Lo-Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo, in 1928, 1930 and 1932.

Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromich, holder, 6-4, 6-1, 9-7 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 6-3.

Results of the women's semi-finals were.—Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Hopman 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

The men's doubles final was won by Bromich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Niemeyer, 7-5, 6-1.

Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

Race No. 1

No. 425	$116.10
,, 533	33.10
,, 445	16.50

Unplaced pony ($10) No. 515.

Race No. 2

No. 156	$113.40
,, 675	32.40
,, 32	16.20

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 272, 570.

Race No. 3

No. 503	$123.60
,, 528	35.70
,, 141	18.30

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 107, 578.

Race No. 4

No. 555	135.80
,, 309	38.80
,, 552	19.40

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 571, 550.

Race No. 5

No. 585	$159.20
,, 104	45.50
,, 31	22.70

Unplaced pony ($15) No. 60.

Race No. 6

No. 552	$321.00
,, 444	91.00
,, 241	45.90

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 614, 246.

Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Domei).—With the vast Kokugikan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 16,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved subzero weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 2 o'clock this morning.

As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out.

Because of the bitterly cold weather, would-be spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait.

Gen. Taka Hishikari, president of the Loyalty Memorial Association, to which the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

HONGKONG RIDING SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Several hundred spectators witnessed the annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School, managed by Mr. Bob Charles at Taihang Road yesterday. The weather, and the grounds, stands and stables were gaily decorated with flags.

The varied programme provided competition for both adults and children, and so well did many of the competitors that the judges in some instances found difficulty in finding the winners.

Among the many spectators were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Wing-Cdr. and Mrs. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, and Major J. L. Willcocks.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, who was the recipient of a basket of flowers from little Susan Steele-Perkins.

THE RESULTS

The following were the events and prize-winners:

Target Competition.—Miss V. Walker.

Intermediate Children's Competitions (Class 1).—1, Miss G. Lee; 2, Miss B. Rickwood; 3, Miss C. Davis.

Adult Members' Competition.—1, Miss N. Kerrison; 2, Mrs. E. Selby; 3, Mr. P. Calderara.

Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 2.—Tie between Master R. Cooke, Miss J. Davis and Master F. Hechtel, who drew lots for the cups.

Musical Chairs.—Mr. R. H. J. Brooks.

Advanced Children's Competition.—1, Miss P. Dodwell; 2, Miss V. Walker; 3, Master P. Harriman.

Tiny Tots Competition.—1, Miss Susan Wood; 2, Miss Susan Steele-Perkins; 3, Master Colin Selby.

Children's Learners Competition.—1, Miss M. Hume; 2, Master C. Shaifer; 3, Master J. Selby.

Aunt Sally Competition.—1, Miss Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks.

Jumping Competition.—1, Mr. F. Appleton; 2, Master H. Tipple; 3, Mr. W. G. Poy.

Jumping Competition (Pupils).—Master B. Stott.

Harriman Challenge Cup (for best rider in School).—Miss V. Walker.

Best Girl Rider.—Miss P. Dodwell.

Best Chinese Pupil.—Miss G. Lee.

The following were the officials:

Judges.—Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major F. Hogg, Major K. S. Simpson, Capt. L. M. Reidy and Mr. A. Hutton Potts.

Committee.—Messrs. F. Appleton, B. Charles, R. H. J. Brooks, R. C. Butler, E. S. Kerrison, W. G. Poy and R. E. Stott.

Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase

Leopardstowne, Eire, Jan. 27.

Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knockadroleen was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knockadroleen 20-1.

The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstake prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets overseas.—*United Press.*

Reuter says there were 22 starters.

Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. C. M. Post boardroom at 5.15.

Principal business will be to discuss the current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.

Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchison's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters.

Although Van Leeuwen and Carruthers, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absentees. Stewart and Bidwell did well together, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering.

The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout. Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Boe's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was moving.

OVERWORKED "WHEEL"

CLUB FORWARDS kept their end up despite losing the push. Castleton, who played instead of Salter who is at Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side have nothing to fear in the lineouts with Walkden, Godfrey and Taylor in their present form.

Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to batter his way past Taylor instead of passing out to one of the three men, who were outside him and up with the play.

Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment. Waite, who deputised for Paul (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Carruthers, but could not in turn get through. Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

IN RAMPANT FORM

BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant form, and had Charter, his vis-a-vis, going away from him by use of the dummy on several occasions. Unfortunately they came when least expected, and he found himself unsupported. Luscombe, at scrum-half, was too well marked to give him one opportunity of breaking away from the scrum. His service from the scrum connected with the outside, alright.

Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Nooth, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson.

All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart, following good play between Bidwell and Stewart, gave the Interporters victory. Castleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the narrow margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a penalty goal).

Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers to Colony rugger, both having played in first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Heriot's F. P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish Inter-City trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously harassed by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts, for which department he is well suited having great height.

The other is McRae, a brother of the Scottish international, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was prominent in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Amoy for a year, he has been out of rugby for a season.

Club lost Nelson in the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustained in a tackle. With a man short in the three-line it was surprising that no forward was not sent back. However, keen tackling by the whole of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom Bompas, Henseman, Kennedy and McRae excelled, kept Rest "A" out.

A GOOD SHOW

LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a good show at inside threequarter, but lacked pace in attack. Lavalle was the only other three to shine.

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BLACKOUT PIERCED BY NEW RAY

An "invisible light" for blackout cities and streets—claimed to be visible only in the path of a beam, but casting insufficient reflection to betray its presence—is being tried out by Netherlands authorities.

The new light, now being installed in cities of the Netherlands and on some of the main highways, was invented by a Netherlands Army Intelligence officer, Captain J. Bikker.

It is claimed that difficulties arising from blackouts have been overcome to a large extent by the device, described as a strong beam of light which is thrown in one direction and can be seen from a horizontal direction only.

Military units are enabled by the light to move at high speed during the night, completely unseen by planes above, according to published accounts.

The light is adaptable for use in auto lights, to mark traffic routes and street corners, and portable equipment of the beam light is being used by the Netherlands Army Signal Corps.

C.O.'S NOTES "IN CASE OF A SLIP"

ON THE YORKSHIRE COAST.

A PALL of smoke, a blinding sheet of flames, and the laconic remark, "Well, that's another gone," tell of one more Nazi mine robbed of its power to destroy.

A handful of naval men, expert at disabling Hitler's internal machines, are daily risking their lives in this work on the rugged Yorkshire coast.

For two days I have shared with a photographer the dangers of the naval crew.

A telephone shrills at their G.H.Q.

A mine has been sighted.

The crew hurry away by car. Our quarry is sighted among the boulders of a peace-time haven of anglers.

Led by Lieut.-Commander R. B. Edwards, the crew set to work.

A rope fastened round the mine draws it into position for the removal of the brass plate at the base.

With infinite caution, the crew disable the mechanism. One slip of the hand would mean death for all within 500 yards.

Block by block 500lb. of grey-green high explosive are levered out of the mine shell to be broken up by hammer blows.

A last look inside by Commander Edwards and then firelighters are inserted among the explosive and set alight.

A thin wisp of smoke grows in volume until it darkens the sky and becomes suddenly transformed into a dazzling pyrotechnic display.

"That little lot," the Commander says, "had sufficient power to bring down 5,000 tons of cliff, or to lift your hat from your head at half a mile."

When a new type of mine is seen the crew leave it alone until the commander is called.

Alone he approaches the mine. In a notebook he sketches every detail of the new monster, then writes down the steps he proposes to take to disable it, and hands the notebook to his men waiting beyond the danger zone.

"If I make a mistake," he says in the matter-of-fact way of the Navy, "the book is left to show where I went wrong."

NAVY WANT SMALLER SHIPS

New 40,000-Tonners Will Be Useless

THE fate of the Tacoma gives the war at sea pride of place in the news. The lists of naval honours remind us of those other longer lists of brave seamen who have fallen in our service.

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The old spirit still splendidly dominates the Royal Navy. So, also, do some of the ideas. We are fighting this war with the battleships of the last war.

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We have eleven 30,000-ton battleships, and three even heavier battle-cruisers. All but two of the battleships (Nelson and Rodney, 1927) were completed in 1916-17. The latest battle-cruiser (Hood) was completed in 1920.

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Five more battleships of the King George V. class will be completed next year. They are 35,000 tons and carry ten 14in. guns.

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The keels are laid for four battleships of the Lion class. They will be 40,000 tons and mount 16in. guns, the heaviest afloat anywhere in the world. These craft will not be completed until 1943. This war will be over long before then.

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I see no use for such great battleships. Against what possible enemy are we building them? About as well construct a Maginot Line along the Canada-United States frontier.

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Not a bad place to put these £7,000,000 monsters would be the Great Lakes of Canada. No impudent U-boat commander could penetrate these Lakes to sink them with a £3,000 torpedo.

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The craft the Navy need primarily are destroyers. After that, fast cruisers. This type of building must have priority.

RUSSIAN SUPPLY PROBLEM

Abnormal Strain On Railway

BY A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

WITHOUT indulging in wishful thinking, it is interesting to consider, in the light of reported disturbances among the populace, some of the administrative problems that have to be dealt with by Russia's military staff and similar authorities in Leningrad.

There is, of course, the large civil population of the city to be fed and provided with fuel and other necessaries, a problem that in normal times, according to all reports, is not very successfully dealt with. Presumably a good deal is supplied from stocks in the surrounding districts, but much must arrive by rail, particularly in the winter months, when the Gulf of Finland is frozen.

It is, I think, safe to assume that the normal civil population has not to any considerable extent been evacuated. It may even have been increased by an influx of labour to assist military organisations. When one superimposes on the normal population the army in the isthmus, which must mean an additional quarter to half a million mouths, the food question alone must be a serious problem.

Added to that the railways have to carry troop trains, munitions and other military stores. Their congestion must be great. Leningrad is obviously a bottleneck and the conflict in it of civil and military interests must be acute. It would need an administrator of genius to ensure a smooth-running organisation.

There are many questions one would like to ask. We hear of fresh troops in many thousands from central Russia and even from Siberia. But what happens to troops withdrawn from the fight after failure and how are the wounded disposed of? Are they filling the hospitals of Leningrad? How are the railways standing up to abnormal traffic and how long will they function efficiently?

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It is not only the isthmus battle that places a strain on Leningrad, for the Murmansk railway has its southern terminus there. Although it may not involve using each Line's terminus, the railways leading to Leningrad must certainly carry troops and other trains destined for the Murmansk line. The succession of Finnish victories all along the eastern frontier must therefore affect the whole railway system which centres on Leningrad. The strain they throw on the Murmansk railway itself is obvious. Fresh troops will be needed and much lost material will require replacement, in addition to enormous maintenance supplies.

One gathers that the Russians are making great use of motor transport with their forces on the eastern front. But how casualties in vehicles will be made good and how petrol supplies for continuous intensive working will be maintained it will be interesting to know. Greatly as I admire the gallantry and leadership of the Finns, I cannot help feeling that the measure of their success will depend to a great degree on the weakness or efficiency of Russian administrative services, which will be increasingly tested as the war goes on.

'SHOTLESS STRATEGY' KEEPS THEM GUESSING

BASLE. — The military strategists on the Western Front have not forgotten the old theory that the Walls of Jericho fell because trumpeters held their attention while the enemy attacked from the rear.

But in this modern war, there are whistles instead of trumpets, as both sides resort to their ingenuity to fool the other fellows.

Long after the French had abandoned the Waarndt Forest last October, French scouts armed with officers' whistles kept the Germans guessing.

Later the same month, observers in Luxembourg noted long lines of trucks, presumably full of troops, moving away from the Moselle zone just the night before the Germans launched an attack that drove the French out of their hard-won positions between the Moselle and the Saar Rivers.

Always On The Watch

Wherever a neutral country lies close enough to a belligerent country to make it worth while for observers to come and see what they can see, the business of fooling the other fellow goes on.

German flat cars, loaded with pontoons such as an Army would have to use to get any considerable number of men across the Rhine, rolled ostentatiously and slowly along a railroad in full view of the Swiss frontier in mid-October.

Up to that moment, the Rhine River frontier had been so quiet Swiss bargemen were considering seriously asking both Paris and Berlin for permission to resume their business between the Maginot and Siegfried forts.

The day after those flat cars carried their pontoons past watchers on the Swiss side, French reinforcements arrived at Rhine River posts, and French observation planes buzzed across the river to see what was going on in Baden.

A Polite Warning

Another day the French, after giving German sentries a polite warning, blew up a footbridge over the Kembs Dam above Basel. That very night the Germans had reinforcements in the forts across the river from Kembs.

So far nothing has happened. The Germans have not used the pontoons, and the French haven't crossed the river.

Reports reaching Basle indicate most of the fooling is being done for the benefit of observation planes.

There has been little bombing from the air, but much observing.

From the air, a long line of trucks still is a long line of trucks whether they are empty or full, so the allied forces have been sending many columns of trucks dashing about for the benefit of German observation planes.

The Germans have plenty of soldiers with time on their hands, and they are kept busy laying out mock air fields, complete with dummy planes, for the benefit of wandering allied observers.

Dummy tanks—farm wagons covered with painted canvas—are reported to have been built in Germany for the time when they may be useful in simulating concentration of forces.

RATIONS FOR THE PALACE

ARRANGED BY THE QUEEN

THE King, the Queen, the Princesses, and other members of the Royal Family will eat only the normal ration of butter, bacon, and sugar from to-day (first day of rationing). They have been issued with "commercial travellers' cards," the same as those given to all people who have to move about the country.

The King insisted that this method be adopted, and that no special arrangements should be made.

The Queen has drawn up special menus which come into force in all the royal kitchens to-day. They drop two courses from both luncheon and dinner.

Orders have been given for more fruit and vegetables to be served. To meet this extra demand the gardens at Windsor Castle, which supply all the royal residences, are being considerably extended.

Nurmi Drops Tour

HELSINGFORS. — Paavo Nurmi, famous Finnish runner who has been driving a truck in removing citizens from Helsingfors, said Dec. 12 he had abandoned plans to take Taisto Maki, currently Finland's outstanding distance runner, on a tour of the United States.

Fritz Shows Off His Girl, Tries To Make The French Jealous

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY.

SOMETHING white fluttered down out of the sky. It landed on the other side of the Rhine just in front of the house from which I could see peeping out of a square black window the round pink face of a German soldier keeping watch. The soldier did not bother to come out and pick up the white thing. He went on staring.

And then I saw why. Several white things were fluttering down towards us.

I got one that fell almost at my feet. It was a German leaflet. "French soldiers," it said to me, "you are wrong not to believe us that it was the English that dragged you into this war. Listen to what your great Napoleon said about them."

There followed some remarks about a nation of shopkeepers.

The sergeant saw me looking up for the airplane that was dropping the papers. "It's no use looking up there for the cuckoo that dropped that stuff. He flew over ten minutes ago. It always takes about ten minutes to come down."

Don't Shoot

Now these leaflet raiders have been exceptionally busy these last few days over the French lines along the Rhine and behind it. It is part of a new intensified Hitler propaganda offensive trying on the old German game of splitting the French from the British, persuading the French soldier that he is bearing the brunt of this war alone, suffering alone in hardships and privations.

Where they are close enough to be heard as here on the Rhine they do their best with loudspeakers. They broadcast pro-French passages from Hitler's speeches, bits of invective against England from Schiller's "Joan of Arc," interlarding it all with the continual refrain, "We shan't shoot if you don't." They even do a spot of play-acting when the weather permits.

The sergeant told me about that.

Public Kiss

"They had one of their fellows out there the other day walking up and down the embankment bold as brass with a girl. He even kissed her. He was trying to make us jealous by suggesting that Fritz was allowed to have his girl up in the lines.

"Then yesterday the same man came on with a woman and a kid. The kid played around and shouted 'Papa' at the top of his voice. Same stunt again. Well, we don't fall for it."

No, I do not think much of the effect of this Hitler propaganda on the French soldiers so far.

But then what else is poor old Daddy Adolf to do? Sitting quiet and dropping his bad job. He would be crazy to make an offensive.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Half an hour of Dance Music.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent-Bennett); Back To Those Happy Days (Nicholls); All My Life (film 'Laughing Irish Eyes').

1.13 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and H. Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Zampa (Herold); Poet and Peasant (Suppe)....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver; Sweetmeat Joe, The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson); A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major..... Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll, Intro: The Doll Dance (Brown) ....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Two Mozart Songs by Ivar Andresen (Bass).

O Isis and Osiris ("The Magic Flute"); Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute").

1.53 Mozart—Symphony in D, No. 35.

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

3.0 "For the Children."

The Clockwork Courtship (Rayners)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Part III; I Got A "Code" In My "Doze" (Fields and Others)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; Studio—Story by Aunt Susan; Here Comes The Sandman (film 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air') ....Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Flight of Ages (Bevan)....Soloist: John Duncan, With Herbert Dawson at the Organ; Songs from The Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold)....Soloists: G. Stearn Scott and John Duncan. With the Kentucky Banjo Team.

6.43 Concert Waltzes.

Ever or Never (Waldteufel); Children of Spring (Waldteufel)..... Orchestra Mascotte; The Swallows (Josef Strauss)....Johann Strauss and His Viennese Orchestra; Dance Of The Fairies (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss (Dicker)....Orchestra Mascotte.

7.01 Musical Comedy Selections.

"White Horse Inn"—Selection (Erik Charell)....New Mayfair Orchestra; "Helen" — Vocal Gems (Offenbach, arr. Korngold)..... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Princess Charming"—Selection (Sirmay, Ruby and Waller) .....Palace Theatre Orchestra; "Viktoria and Her Hussar" (Abraham)—Vocal Gems....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Bishop Sargent on "Opera."

8.57 Orchestral Selection.

With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches."

Written by Ursula Branston. Music by Various Composers; Production by William Maclurg.

10.0 A Chopin Recital by Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Grande Polonaise, Op. 22; Nocturne in B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Waltz In C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2.

10.22 Compositions of Brahms.

Tragic Overture, Op. 81....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini; Vier Ernste Gesange, Op. 121—Denn es gehet dem Menschen; Die Mainacht, Op. 43, No. 2....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Gerald Moore (Piano); Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 2....Eileen Joyce (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5; Hungarian Dance No. 6....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Cradle Song....The Angelus Octet.

11.0 Close down.

DEFLATION PLAN

Ration System For Japan Considered

Tokyo, Jan. 28.

Low price and deflation policies have been decided upon by the Government as a result of yesterday's Cabinet conference.

The low price policy will be specifically directed to rice, coal and fertilisers. Adequate measures are being taken to ensure increased production of those products which are vitally necessary for daily life and for industry.

Banning all transactions of dark exchanges and conducting a vigorous drive to encourage thrift, the Government also plans to ensure deflation of the currency.

The Government is studying the card system for daily necessities. The card system for rice and coal will be first studied, though some advocate the necessity of extending the system to wheat, barley, charcoal and soy.

The Government has decided to postpone establishment of the Trade Ministry planned by the Abe Cabinet, which caused the recent controversy with officers of the Foreign Office.

The products of agriculture, forestry and fishery in Japan in 1938 totalled in value Yen 5,005,130,000, an increase of 7 per cent. over the preceding year, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced.

Agricultural products increased by four per cent. forestry products by 32 per cent. and fishery products by 15 per cent. over the preceding year.

Speech By Premier

The contents of the speech by the Premier, Admiral Yonai at the Diet on February 1, will be approved by the Cabinet Council on Monday. He will stress the necessity of a complete settlement of the China Affair and reaffirm the Japanese Government's full co-operation with the new Central Government of China.

The Premier will also emphasise the "positive and independent" status of Japan's foreign policy in adjusting relations with Britain, America, the Soviet Union and other foreign countries.—Domei.

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Anglo-Irish Unit To Help Finland

HELSINGFORS.—Nigel Allan, acting British Vice Consul, resigned recently to form a foreign legion of Britons and Irishmen to fight for Finland.

Mr. Allan had been active in moving British citizens from Finland.

The British Consulate has moved to Bjorneborg on the west coast of Finland.

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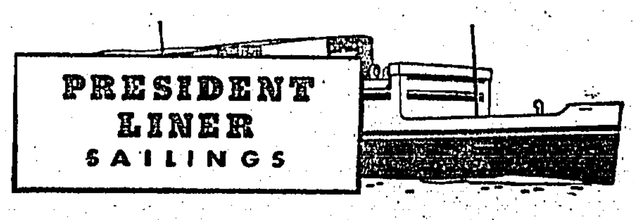

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Mary Grace's Shoppping News

FLATTERING OUTFIT FOR

Frankly Forty..

Cosy winter frock in a soft all wool material for the matronly figure. Notethescalloped V neckline with the inset vestee.

"IT'S no use pretending," a friend said, "but I'm frankly outsize. I've got nice hair and a good complexion. Now can you help me with a winter outfit that will slim me down a bit and yet be comfortable?"

"Of course I can," I replied. It is the problem of half the women in the world after they have reached their fortieth birthday. What you want is a nice well cut coat in a deep colour—not necessarily black, but specially designed to give you height and to bring your figure into a good balanced line.

A soft collar of fur also helps the shoulders and upper part.

You see by the sketches what I recommend. The coat is made in good quality fancy velour cloth with a straight looking back and a good wrap-over in front.

It is lined throughout with artificial silk and the sleeves have nice shaping at the cuff.

Dark Brown Fur

The collar of skunk opossum (you know the fur, it is very like skunk—a nice dark brown shade) can be worn open or wrapped over close to the throat to form a becoming frame for the face. Very easy and fashionable as well.

The colours are nigger, navy, bottle, wine and black. Wine is very fashionable this year. It suits grey and dark-haired women excellently. Brown and green suit fair and dark women, but are a little cold with grey hair. I find navy and black are becoming to all.

To wear under this coat I selected a frock also in a soft all-wool material from Pontings, which had a good deal of clever shaping to give freedom and a long unbroken line.

There was some shirring on the shoulders that gave ample room over the vest, and an inverted pleat down the whole length of the front. The bodice was cut with a deep scalloped V, with a neat vestee in a pale contrasting colour.

Colour Choice

A back tie indicated the waistline, and the colours were wine, brown, green, navy, rust and black.

WINTER	COAT
Flat Back	Two-Way Collar
Neat Sleeve	Straight Front
Brown Fur	Deep Colours

SHORT CUTS

One or two hours of outdoor exercise daily, daily soap and water bath and lots of pure drinking water—16 glasses a day if you can take it—will speed up results with your acne treatment. Take a laxative if you need it, but let your doctor prescribe it.

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By combining equal parts of salt and soda you have an excellent polish for metal or porcelain surfaces. Apply as you would a powder cleanser.

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Ilka Chase, widely known stage star, often appears in public in a tailored suit—and hatless. She chooses a brownish-red lipstick and goes nail-polishless.

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To remove perfume stains from the wooden top of a vanity table, rub a little olive oil over the spots. Then rub with a fresh, soft cloth to remove excess oil.

Brown and white ridged wool is used in this two-piece suit worn by Norma Shearer. The tailored jacket with four inset pockets and wide, pointed revers has a horizontal stripe of white and is worn over a crossed beige silk vest.

Finn in Sweden For Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM.—Frans Eemil Sillanpaa, Finnish winner of the 1939 Nobel prize for literature, crossed into Sweden Dec. 12 at Haparanda on his way here to receive his prize. He was accompanied by his family.

[The value of the Nobel prizes varies from year to year, but Pearl Buck, 1938 winner for literature, received $37,057.]

Muff And Fur Hat

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If it is time to plan your fur wardrobe, do not forget that a muff, or muffs, is important, and that fur-trimmed hats are too. Muffs are of many sizes and shapes and made of a wide range of furs. It is going to mark you as a woman "in the know" if you add a muff and fur hat to your wool dress or suit, long before there is much danger of your actually needing to keep your hands warm.

In presenting a series of stunning crocheted wool hats with muffs to match, Sally Victor recently introduced looped yarns of wool to give character to these crocheted turban ensembles. The emphasis of a clear light gray makes them look very new and significant as a new accent to wear with black or coloured costumes, or else to tone in with deeper gray shades.

The colour situation is sized up clearly—with the gray and beaver shades representing the neutrals that go so well with fur jackets and coats, and vivid colour for the alternative, with bright green and cherry red an emphasised combination; for novelty a strong pastel blue that is between turquoise and robin's egg is striking.

"FLEETING 'FLU" BACK AGAIN

"Fleeting 'flu" is back again.

This two-day variety is rampant in London, just as was at this time a year ago.

This year, it finds Britain's "'Flu Squad" under Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the scientist who discovered the invisible virus responsible for influenza, with wartime preoccupations.

One is warned not to neglect it as it can lead to fatal complications.

NO GREATCOATS FOR A.T.S.

Members of the A.T.S. are agitating to be supplied by the War Office with greatcoats.

They complain that many of them are suffering from bad colds and pneumonia and that they need the coats to prevent further illness.

The War Office, however, say that the girls are given fleece-lined raincoats and that greatcoats are not part of the issue.

Some of the girls have had raincoats, but not fleece-lined because there was a shortage of these linings.

The War Office say the health of the A.T.S. is everywhere reported as exceptionally good and that they have no reports of any such cases of illness.

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Notes On Perfumes

By JACQUELINE HUNT

WAR or no war, fashion and beauty are marching on. From troubled Paris comes word that the couturieres are doing much to uphold the country's morale these hectic days. Mme. Jeanne Lanvin has been an outstanding example, as she is keeping her entire force busy as though there were no rumblings on the Maginot Line. Femininity comes through as always. Though it might have been a knitted sock in the last strife, this time it is a bright lipstick and such amusing things as bustles and eighteen-inch waists with the aid of none too subtle corsets. A part of the feminine role is to play a glamorous, interest-diverting creature and keep men from brooding too much on swift-moving world events.

Your hero may have nothing more dangerous to struggle with than the monthly budget, but this doesn't mean that he wouldn't appreciate some comforting diversion in his daily life, provided by an attractive and intriguing you. Take advantage of every idea you can find that will make you more feminine, more appealing and lovable.

Fashion designers say that you can best get yourself into the varying moods of your new winter clothes by choosing an appropriate perfume and this is one of the foibles that men most admire in women. By experimenting with a variety of scents find the perfume that fits your clothes and pleases your companions.

If your mood is not at its best, you might pick it up considerably by a thoughtful choice of perfume. Choose a warm, heady, interesting scent if you wear wide-skirted Velasquez gowns, and you will feel like a dark-eyed Spanish beauty. Or, if you prefer one of the new supple, draped siren gowns, pick a perfume that suggests intrigue in its sweet, tantalising odour.

PERFUME FOR SPORTS

For sports clothes and furs, try an old favourite which has a Russian saddle leather base and a special affinity for tweeds and leathers. Leather, you know, is the newest and smartest article for either active or spectator sports.

Hustle-backed street dresses would be set off nicely by an imaginative scent that is appropriate with everything, as it seems to take on a different and individual fragrance with each wearer. The new "covered up" dinner dresses would be a perfect background for an aristocratic perfume that is subtle and elusive.

There is a world of perfume choices to-day in tiny shining spheres that contain the loveliest French perfume—in cut-glass flacons and intriguingly shaped bottles that add beauty to your dressing table and personality to you. The right perfume accessory can do more for you than a new hat perched over one eye, and it is no more of an extravagance than a new dress or smart accessory.

TO MATCH MOODS

Try several perfumes. Select a favourite that you use most of the time—that seems to become an inseparable and intangible part of your personality. But it's nice to use something different on special occasions, too—something in keeping with the mood of your frock or with the mood of the occasion.

Play your part in this modern world by contributing to the pleasure of those about you. Leave a precious breath of fragrance in your wake, because you never forget to spray your hair or fingertips with your favourite perfume. Give perfume to others, too, whenever you plan a gift that will be long remembered.

If you do not know the perfume tastes of the person for whom the gift is intended, give several of the tiniest size containers with different odours, so she can try them out at her leisure. If you do know her favourite perfume, give as large a bottle as your purse can afford, and she'll feel flattered and grateful.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

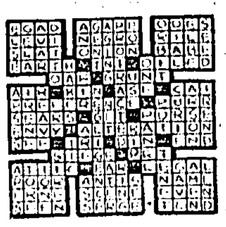
ACROSS

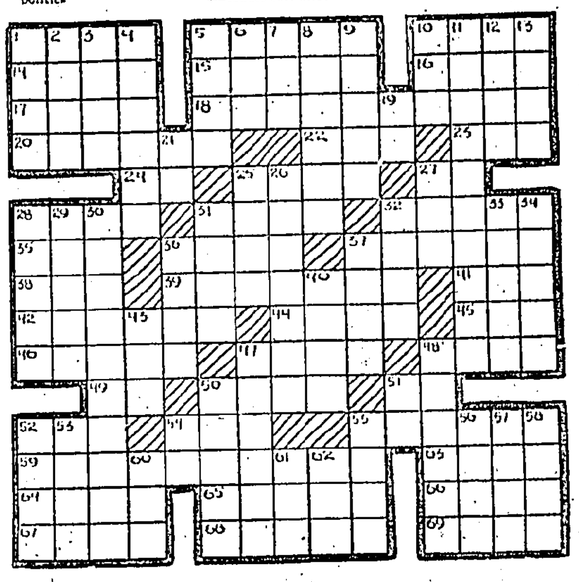
1—One of paces of saddle-horse
5—Bad in highest degree
10—Delicately colored gem
14—Chamber used for cooking
16—With wings
16—Dispense in small quantities
17—Material of body framework
18—Appears in character of
20—Goes within
22—Took food
23—Girl's nickname
24—Note of scale
25—Room for bathing
27—Engineering degree
28—Leaps over
31—Money paid down
32—Pointed missiles
35—Sin
36—Long period of time (pl.)
37—Leave
38—Untruth
39—Capable of clear reasoning
41—Busy insect
42—Type of element (pl.)
44—District
45—Meadow
46—Height
47—Deal with wax
48—Article of office furniture
49—Not at all
50—No difficulty
51—This boy
52—Ultra-radical in politics
54—Jungle
55—Consider thoughtfully
59—Becomes too thoroughly conversant with
61—Business transaction
64—Wither
65—Load carried by vessel
66—Periods of time
67—To the beginning (poetic)
68—Obstructs
69—Tear

DOWN

1—Clothe
2—River associated with Shakespeare
3—Unit of currency
4—Makes obeisance
5—International conflicts
6—Diminutive suffix
7—Knock sharply
8—Wide, open valley (Scottish)
9—Chewing implements of law
10—Short poem
11—Capable of being weighed
12—Female voice
13—For fear that
19—Point of compass
21—Sun god
25—Round of gun firing
26—Trials by jury
27—Chars
28—Tillers
29—Window bulls out from wall
30—Claimants to throne
31—Makes noise like dove
32—Take out
33—Woody plants
34—Broiled slice of meat
36—Additions to house
37—Native of Denmark
40—Inner portion
43—Puss
47—Ancient Roman emperor
48—Of greater consistency
50—Put into effect
51—Exclamation of greeting
52—Reddish color
53—All time
54—Spiritual essence (Sanskrit)
55—Those who play for money (col.)
56—Defy
57—Dashing spirit
58—Repose
60—Bask flax
61—Prefix: three
62—Orum

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE





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THE JEWELS

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbeus Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap, and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out.

The manager's atonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second. "Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first. "When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times! . . . Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian. "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times."

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean *anything* to you? Do you want to live in a a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!'"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"

THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade, and inquired the price of rooms.

"I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should *you* be afraid?"

"Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily eyeing their one suitcase. "Is there some more luggage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?"

"Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid. . . . The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."

WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the anteroom.

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone. "Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swana consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swana opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algout. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess' boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swana."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this face! . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested.

"Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoffs! . . . And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything; particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guisot is willing to pay *any* price!"

"Imagine two million clerks and shop girls peeking into my life for a sou! Think of my lovely life being wrapped around cheese and blood sausages!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algout knew his Duchess Swana and what note to play on. "Well, I am the last person to persuade you; but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swana got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga boatman! I don't deserve this." She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I. 'A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard.'"

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonin asks the privilege of a few words, Your Highness."

"Count Rakonin?" queried d'Algout.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How, do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here in Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algout, appearing in the doorway.

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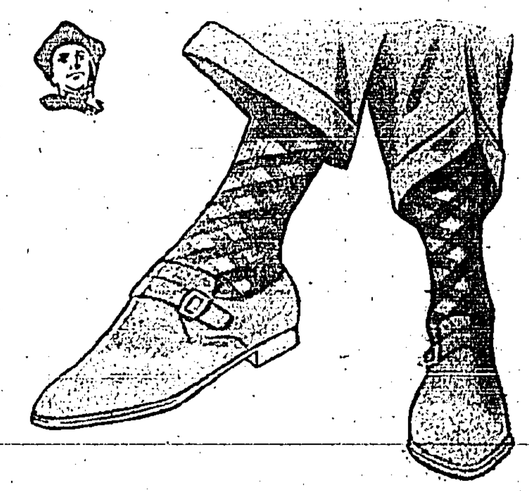

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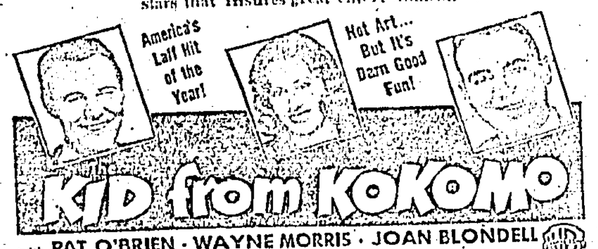

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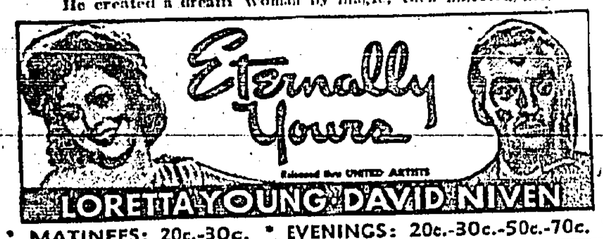

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Outposts Along The Western Front

STEADY NERVES ARE NECESSARY IN FRANCE

THE TROOPS on the Western Front are far from having an easy time of it, declared the military correspondent of The Times, London, in a weekly review of the war broadcast by the B.B.C.

In the first place, he said, they have been engaged in constant work on the defences which can never be made too strong.

When war broke out, he explained, the French defences on the Belgian frontier were not nearly so powerful as the Maginot Line proper. In the last four minutes, the Allies have been strengthening these fortifications and building many hundreds of fresh concrete blockhouses.

Trying Winter

The winter with its heavy rain, snow, fog and bitter cold, has been trying beyond the average for the troops in the field.

Dealing with the work of the outposts and patrols, the correspondent declared that in this war it is easier for each side to surprise each other because the troops are far more mobile and therefore can be kept much further back out of sight until the last possible move.

"So far as we know," he went on, "Germany has the means to launch an attack with practically none of those preparations which give things away, at almost any moment they choose.

"Thus, everybody has to be on the alert and quick to pick up the smallest indications of the enemy's intentions. The responsibilities carried not only by those who bring in the information but also by those who sift it, are very heavy.

"Eye That Never Shuts"

"Every observation post is the eye which never shuts though sometimes it is blinded by fog, and thus demands on other sources of information become ever more insistent.

"Trains, for example, are carefully watched, and every movement which is visible—I might also say, every sound which is audible—is noticed, and a reason has to be found for every scrap of information if possible.

In the last resort, however, it is the patrol which is relied upon, continued the correspondent, to spot the enemy's intentions and his habits and the nature of the work he is carrying out.

It is also their duty to see that the enemy does not get the same kind of information from us.

In the Vosges—tangled, wooded blind country ideal for ambushes and traps—there has been little but constant patrol activity, especially during the night.

French patrols, generally consisting of picked groups of volunteers numbering 50 or 60 men, are constantly out in the wooded area between the Maginot and Siegfried Lines.

Steady Nerves Necessary

"It is difficult work and dangerous enough," said the speaker, "but even more trying than dangerous for the work calls for steady nerves and initiative.

"The Germans show no lack of ability, but the superior training of the French troops gives them a certain advantage in their encounters.

"The British troops have only just begun, but the recent decorations bestowed on an officer and an N.C.O. show that the British are also ranging deep in their patrol work for it was mentioned that the objectives of the patrols in which these two participated were 1,200 yards from their lines, so that when we sit in our comfortable chairs at home reading in our newspapers or hearing on the radio that nothing of importance has occurred on the Western Front during the past 24 hours, let us remember that there is much that is happening."

DOUBTS ABOUT RUSSIAN TROOPS

Fallen Officer's Diary

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It has been established that Russians in the Salla sector fired on each other, and also that aeroplanes fired on troops who had strayed and who were evidently mistaken for Finns.

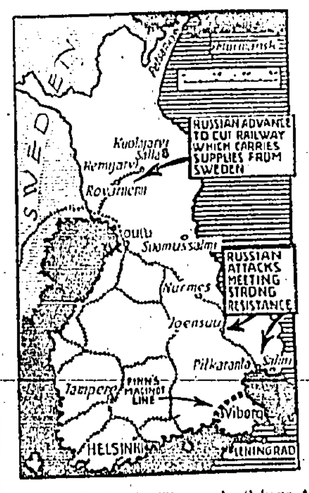
A message to the official Finnish News Agency maintained that these were signs of mutiny as argumentative shouting was heard amid the shots.

The following are extracts from a fallen Russian officer's diary inspected by Foreign Correspondents at the headquarters of General Wallenius on the North Front:—

"The political atmosphere is oppressive. The soldiers are against this war, and we don't understand why we fight other countries. I tell my men that it is necessary to strengthen our frontiers, but they answer, "Finland can't attack us."

Our troops are beaten because our Higher Command is unfamiliar with the terrain. The troops prefer to return home to fighting.

The march into Poland was popular, but not so now when we go against Finland. The only things to cheer us are Molotoff's speeches.



To-day we all awoke sick. I have slept in a barn several days. Comrades are restless.

About Finland we know nothing. The soldiers have started interpreting dreams and soothsaying from cards.

All we have is infested by vermin. Headache, no sleep, coughs, smoke.

The Finns don't yield. I have been without sleep or food the last two days.

The enemy harasses us all the time. We have had large losses. Many are afraid.

The campaign is more difficult than Poland. We had been told to liberate the Finns, but see no population. Not even the officers are joyful about the war. We are told that on December 21, Stalin's birthday, the war will be ended.

The last entry in the diary on December 13 was "All terribly tired." The officer then fell.

Nine Army Divisions

Russian pressure on the Isthmus persists. There are at least nine divisions of the Red Army on this narrow strip. When the Russians succeeded in crossing frozen Lake Suvanto they were only thrown back after severe hand-to-hand fighting, in which not only the Russians, but also the Finns suffered serious losses. There is no doubt that the Finnish positions here are stronger than anywhere else along the front, but thanks to their shorter lines of communication and to the fact that their rear is better protected, the Russians are more easily able to send up fresh troops to relieve the fighting line.

It is reported that the Finns are taking the Red Cross marks off their field hospitals, as they have found that Russian airmen consistently choose them as targets.

Some famous athletes are among the Finnish casualties. The Marathon runner Tamila has been killed, and the second best javelin thrower in the world Autonen, has been shot through the left arm in a skirmish, in which the Finns took 10 submachine-guns after destroying an enemy unit to the last man. He is now in hospital.

THOSE SHELLS WERE LIVE

This incident somewhere in Kent," was told at a Luton meeting by Colonel Mary Patch, of the Salvation Army.

A small boy evacuee, unused to fields or gardens, returned to his billet with a handkerchief full of mysterious treasure. In answer to his hostess, he explained that he had found some shells, and proceeded to untie his bundle.

Inside it were a number of snails, which he regarded with utter amazement.

"Lumme!" he said.

"They've hatched."

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Even in the Spanish war, where the Nationalists held decisive air superiority for most of the time, their precision bombing was far from precise.

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General Franco's flyers never hit the sky-scraper telephone building in Madrid or the electric power plant in Barcelona, though they tried continually. Yet the telephone building was Madrid's biggest landmark and the Barcelona power plant occupied an entire city block.

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Most massive target of all was the munition plant in Sagunta, north of Valencia. It had close on 40 brick chimney stacks; it employed thousands of people; it was just one hour's flight from Franco's bombing base at Majorca.

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Altogether 5,551 bombs were launched against the Sagunta munition works. There were only 21 recorded hits. The plant never stopped working until the Republican resistance completely folded up.

Japanese Envoys Meet At Budapest

BUDAPEST, JAN. 27 (Domei).—A four-day conference of Japanese diplomats from various countries in Europe concluded to-day. The conference was calculated to exchange information and discuss recent developments in Europe, especially in the Balkans.

Conferees included Mr. Eiji Amau, the Japanese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Teruo Hachiya, Japanese Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Japanese Minister to Hungary, and Mr. Zuhiko Usami, Japanese Minister to Switzerland.

CRASHED CAR INTO PILLAR

In an attempt to avoid a Chinese pedestrian who ran suddenly across the road outside the Laichikok Hospital yesterday, L. Sgt. Brown, of the Tsun Wan Police Station, deliberately crashed his car into a concrete post.

The car sustained extensive damage but the pedestrian escaped. L. Sgt. Brown was uninjured.

LATE NEWS

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued on Saturday says:

Nothing of any particular importance occurred during the morning.

Buyers

H.K. Bank $1,365
Canton Ins. $202
H.K. Fires Ins. $170
Douglases $30
Provident $4.30
Hotels $5.15
Lands $33.60
Yaumati Ferries $24¼
Electrics $53¼
Entertainments $6.00

Sellers

Docks $21.20
Hotels $5.40
Telephones (New) $9.60
Dairy Farms (Old) $22.60
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan $102
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Tramways $17¾
Macao Electrics $20
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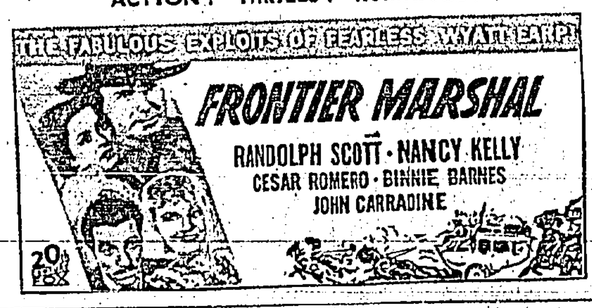

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Sir Kingsley Wood Meets Polish Airmen

"WITH MY FOREHEAD I GREET YOU"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"Soldiers, with my forehead I greet you," said Sir Kingsley Wood in Polish when he visited on Saturday several hundred Polish airmen who are now connected with the R.A.F. somewhere in England.

"With our forehead, Mr. Minister, we greet you," replied the Poles in their own language.

The Poles wear R.A.F. uniforms with the addition of the Polish eagle on the caps and the word "Poland" on the sleeves.

The Polish national flag flies from the same mast as the R.A.F. flag over their aerodrome.

British Help For Stricken Turks

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to earthquake victims reached Istanbul to-day.

He was given an official welcome. He is proceeding to the stricken area to-morrow.

Pres. Quezon Survivors

112 Landed At Kobe From Japanese Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOBE, Jan. 28 (Domei).—Thirteen passengers and 99 members of the crew of the liner President Quezon, which was wrecked off Tanegushima Island on Saturday morning, arrived here this afternoon aboard the O.S.K. liner Ukishima Maru.

The Ukishima Maru picked up them at the scene of the disaster.

It was understood that one person is missing. Most of the crew members are Filipinos.

Staying here overnight, they will leave for home to-morrow aboard the President Cleveland.

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DENMARK TO CONVOY HER SHIPS AT SEA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, JAN. 29 (DOMEI).—IRRITATED AND PERTURBED BY THE MOUNTING LIST OF DANISH SHIPS WHICH HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO NAZI U-BOATS AND MINES, THE DANISH GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME THE FIRST NEUTRAL STATE TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT WILL FIGHT THE MENACE.

The Government is now preparing new regulations, enforcing a convoy system for all Danish merchant ships.

When the new measure is enforced, Danish ships will not be permitted to sail except in convoy with Danish or other neutral ships.

Large-size cutters now operating in the North Sea will accompany Danish merchantmen in the danger zones.

The Danish Merchant Marine consists of approximately 725 ships totalling about 1,150,000 tons.

Since the outbreak of war, many of these ships have been sent to the bottom of the sea by German U-Boats or mines.

The Scandinavian countries have been the principal victims of Nazi sea warfare and in recent weeks have lost more vessels than Britain or France.

Craigie To Negotiate

Settlement Of Asama Maru Incident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Domei).—It is learned from authoritative quarters that the British Government will authorise Sir Robert Craigie, the Ambassador in Tokyo, to effect an amicable settlement of the Asama Maru incident.

Although Britain still adheres to the point that the boarding of the Asama Maru and detention of 21 of its passengers was lawful, the political implications of the affair are to be taken into account by the British Ambassador.

It is believed that the British Government contemplates the release of any of the Germans who are not of military age.

Tokyo Comment

"The controversy over the Asama Maru incident provides food for thought," states the "Japan Times."

"The incident shows, as many others have done, how international relations may be strained through incidents which, by themselves, could be disposed of without any unnecessary displays of temper or spleen.

"Among some groups, the thought prevails in Japanese official circles that the Asama Maru case proves that not only Britain, but other accredited foreign representatives in Japan, have not always been good students of the people and conditions in this country.

"The fundamental point at issue is the slight and affront given to the dignity of the nation. Unless and until the case is approached with a determination to settle it from that point of view, no understanding can be expected between the two countries."

Will Get Back "Red Poland"

Raczlewics Sees Intact Nation

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Once Germany is beaten, the Polish Government anticipates very little difficulty in recovering the part of Poland occupied by the Soviets, according to President Raczlewics, in an interview with a "Daily Telegraph" correspondent at Angers, the seat of the Polish Government in France.

"The Russians cannot stay there once Germany is beaten. They will have too many troubles in their own country to be able to hold foreign soil by force.

"The crumbling of Germany will begin on the defeat of Russia," declared President Raczlewics.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Barbed-Wire Barricade Electrified

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (Domei).—The suggestion advanced by "United Press" that the tightening of the Japanese blockade of the British and French Concessions would be linked with the expiration of the Japan-American treaty of commerce and navigation, has been denied by a Japanese spokesman.

Japanese military authorities on January 27 issued a communique announcing the electrification of the barbed wire fence surrounding the British and French Concessions which was suspended on August 20, 1939, will be resumed at 5.00 p.m. on Sunday.

The fences will again be charged with electricity because of the activities of anti-Japanese elements which often were sneaking from the Concessions into the Japanese occupied area.

It is recalled that "United Press" did not mention the Japanese communique stating that the Japanese action was "coincident" with the expiration of the treaty.

Americans May Act

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 28 (UP).—The American Chamber of Commerce, which is preparing to take vigorous action against re-imposition of the Japanese blockade of foreign Concessions in Tientsin, is believed to be planning a new appeal to Washington.

Americans, as well as Britons and French, are suffering from the new restrictions and several minor incidents involving them have already occurred.

Americans attempting to enter or leave the British and French Concessions with parcels are forced to undergo examination, despite the possession of Japanese Consular passes.

Small parcels of food are admitted into the Concession only with reluctance.

Chinese, peasants, evading the Japanese sentries, are throwing small

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Pittman's Warning To Japan

President Will Have Wide Powers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (UP).—The Foreign Relations Committee of the U.S. Senate is to commence deliberations on the question of an embargo against Japan on Wednesday.

An announcement to this effect was made by Senator Key Pittman, Chairman of the Committee, this morning.

The Committee, said Senator Pittman, will move cautiously, as there is nothing "critical involved requiring hurried action."

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull will probably testify.

"We want to know how our citizens are being treated in the Far East now, before we act on the embargo proposals," Senator Pittman said.

"The President may never be called upon to use his powers to enforce an embargo.

"But the Administration will have such power available if the President cares to use it.

"Japan seems to be closing the door on us in the Orient.

"I know of five or six ways in which they have discriminated against us. We must see whether they are still doing it."

Opposition To Embargo

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28. (Reuter).—Efforts to side-track legislation to impose an embargo on exports to Japan, but to extend additional financial aid to China are gaining some headway in the Senate, according to current reports.

Informal Advice

It is stated that Mr. Cordell Hull has informally advised the legislative leaders that the State Department preferred that no embargo should be imposed at present.

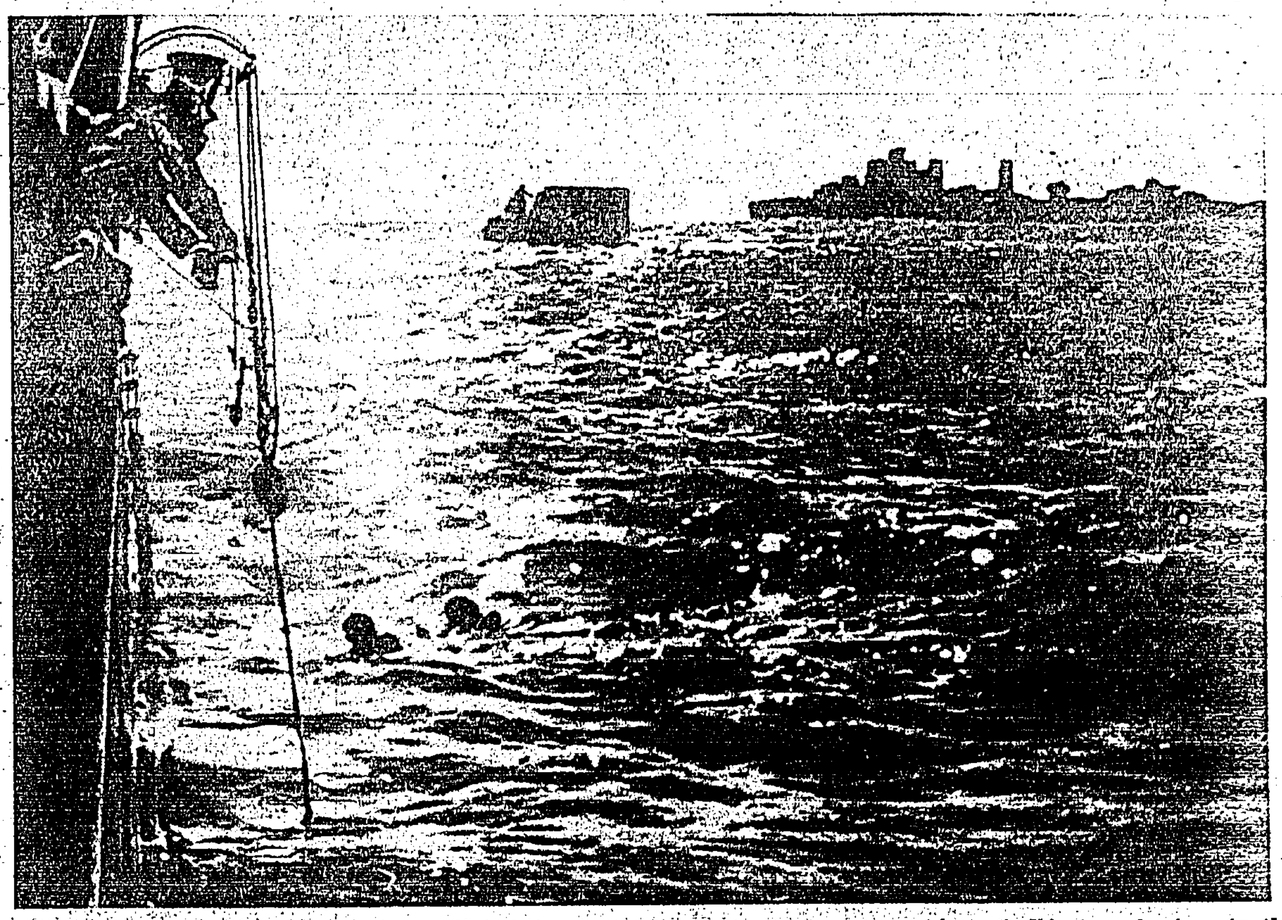
Mr. Hull is represented as being opposed to a complication of the commercial treaty with Japan, as the expiration of the treaty automatically means that Japan must respect United States rights if she wishes to continue trading.

NEW ANTI-RED AGREEMENT?

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The "Asahi Shimbun" understands that in a recent conference with the Japanese Ambassador in Rome, Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, suggested that if because of the Soviet-German rapprochement Japan was dis-satisfied with the Anti-Comintern Pact, a new group of Anti-Comintern powers might be formed.

No further details are revealed by the "Asahi."

Dramatic Picture of Sinking U-Boat



This is the first photograph to be taken in this war of the sinking of a U-boat. Sound detectors told the destroyer that there was a pirate around, and depth charges were dropped. The U-boat made desperate efforts to get away unseen. But the depth-charges had found their target and water began to spurt in, so the U-boat was forced up to the surface. Immediately the destroyer fired on it. You can see two of the U-boat men swimming desperately to a rescuing British destroyer, while another, on the coning tower, prepares to leave the doomed craft.

Stalin May "Postpone" Offensive Against Finland: Heavy Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eight-day Russian drive northeast of Lake Ladoga has failed to puncture the Finnish lines.

To-day's communique says: "The attacks were weaker than on previous occasions and hundreds have been added to the death roll."

It is reliably reported that the week's Russian losses were 5,000 dead and 15,000 wounded.

Responsible sources believe that the reports that four divisions were destroyed are exaggerations.

The Finns are still fighting the greatest battle since Suomissalmi and it must be pointed out that the Russian threat northeast of Lake Ladoga to flank the Mannerheim Line has not been completely eliminated although the Finns believe the enemy's chances to re-assemble their forces are very slim.

The weaker attacks might indicate that the Soviet Command is postponing its plans to smash through until early March, when the weather is warmer.

The Finns did not lose an inch of ground over the week-end and advanced slightly at some points near Lake Ladoga.

It is reported that the Russian artillery in the Aittojoei sector dropped 15,000 shells in a single area of two square kilometres, which converted the morass into a muddy slush and compelled the Finns to discard their white parkas.

The communique adds that four tanks were captured and two bombers brought down. General Budennyi is in command of the Russian forces since the dismissal of General Meretschokov in disgrace.

American Loan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The question of an American loan to Finland will come before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate which must give its approval on Wednesday.

The Committee is expected to give ready assent and proceed immediately to discuss the situation arising from

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BOMBS ON VIIPURI

Stalin's Bombers Seek To Smash Defences

By WEBB MILLER

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

VIIPURI, Jan. 28, (UP).—Air raid sirens were shrieking the warning of another impending air raid when I entered the shattered city of Viipuri late this afternoon.

A few minutes later, nine Red bombers were sighted.

From my car I watched two Finnish pursuit planes zoom into the air to give battle, and, simultaneously, intense anti-aircraft fire opened from the ground.

But the Reds did not wait to give battle, even against only two planes. They turned tail and fled.

Brilliant sunshine is tempting the Red Air Command to launch more powerful raids against the Finnish bases. Stalin's bombers have dropped over a thousand bombs on Koivisto Island alone in an attempt to destroy this southern anchor to the Mannerheim Line.

Shell For Shell

In addition to daily bombing raids, the Red navy has bombarded Koivisto daily for the past ten days. It is estimated that two thousand shells have fallen on the island.

The thunder of heavy cannonading is incessant. The Finnish coastal batteries are answering the Red bombardment shell for shell.

Finland's artillery, indeed, is achieving notable results in the western sector of the Karelian Isthmus.

A Russian prisoner, whom I interviewed in Viipuri shortly after he was brought in to Finnish G.H.Q. for examination was the sole survivor of 30 men who were attacked by a Finnish patrol. Neither side asked for or gave quarter.

LATEST DRAMATIC ATTACK

Japanese Foreign Office Blamed For—

1.—Asama Maru Incident
2.—The War In China

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (UP).—While the Japanese Gaimusho (Foreign Office) was to-day drawing up a second protest to Britain regarding the Asama Maru incident, it was subjected to a sudden and unexpected attack by the influential "Asahi Shimbun."

"The condemnation of Captain Watanabe, of the Asama Maru, by the general public is unfair," states the newspaper.

"We should blame our Foreign Office.

"Lack of foresight on the part of the Gaimusho has been evident on many occasions.

"It can be blamed for the current hostilities in China, because it failed to take the trouble to find out what difficulties our soldiers would have to face.

"When the Foreign Office decided to prosecute the Sino-Japanese incident when Chinese troops fired on a Japanese garrison on July 7, 1937, they were guilty of further lack of foresight.

"If the Gaimusho had possessed that foresight they would have discovered the numerous obstacles in the vast stretch of China our soldiers had to attack."

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Hongkong Officer Prisoner In Reich

Peak Residents Hear Of Son-in-Law's Safety

THE NEWS that their son-in-law is a prisoner of war in Germany was heard by Mr. J. H. R. Hance, of Peak Mansions, on the mid-day news broadcast to-day.

They are overjoyed at the news.

Their son-in-law, Lieut. R. T. V. ("Toby") Kyrke, was in command of H.M.S. Starfish, one of three British submarines which were lost in "particularly hazardous operations" in Heligoland Bay last week.

Lieut. Kyrke, who is well-known in Hongkong, was posted as missing at the Admiralty and it was at first believed that he had been lost with his ship.

Announced By Zoesen

Previous to his appointment last year to H.M.S. Starfish, Lieut. Kyrke was attached to H.M.S. Regent in Hongkong.

He married Miss Barbara Hance, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. R. Hance.

Mrs. Kyrke is still in England and doubtless has already been informed by the Admiralty that her husband is alive.

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BRITAIN AND GREECE SIGN NEW AGREEMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Domei).—Great Britain and Greece have concluded a new Financial and Economic Treaty, according to an official announcement this morning.

The new Agreement follows negotiations which have been in progress in London for some time. The Greek Government was represented at the negotiations by the Minister of Finance, M. Apostolidos, and the Governor of the Central Bank, M. Balfaresos.

Under the Agreement, Greece will increase its payment of interest on Allied loans from 40 to 45 per cent. for the duration of the war.

Economic relations between the two countries will be more firmly established by British trade and financial concessions.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1890.

Would it not have been just as well for our morning contemporary to have made some inquiry before publishing the paragraph in its issue of yesterday, in which, on the mere *ipse dixit* of an anonymous correspondent, "a female of a certain class" is accused of having taken the lead at the Racecourse in what is described as a "most indecent and revolting spectacle?"

As to the "Correspondent," if he is a man with the slightest pretensions to be ranked as a gentleman, he will at once, above his own name, give particulars to the community of Hongkong of this "most indecent and revolting spectacle," which he says he witnessed at the Race-course. The credit of the colony is at stake in a matter of this sort; if "indecent and revolting spectacles" are exhibited by women in public places in open daylight, it is high time that the police authorities took active steps to put down such disgraceful scandals.

It appears that on Friday evening last a new arrival in the town—described as "a female of a certain class" —committed a great enormity of indulging in a few waltz steps with a certain male person at the Race-course, believing that their impromptu practice for the winter dances, now in full swing, was only witnessed by their personal friends.

Considering the strictly moral atmosphere which has ever enveloped the Hongkong Racecourse, it was very wrong of the lately arrived young female to imagine herself in San Francisco, and under that erroneous impression commit such an enormity as to waltz in open daylight with a gentleman—who, at least, certainly ought to have known better; but we very gravely doubt whether such perfectly innocent recreation, no matter how bad the taste displayed by both these disciples of Terpsichore, can be fairly described as "a most indecent and revolting spectacle." Where does the indecency come in, and what can there possibly be revolting in a woman dancing a few waltz steps with a man.

It must not be imagined for a moment that we are specially defending the so-called "unseemly conduct" of this erring female; on the contrary we think that she did not exercise a wise discretion in making a public exhibition of herself before this anonymous purist in open daylight, and would strongly recommend her to be more circumspect in future.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1915.

It is unfortunate that there should be so little definite information available as to the pre-newspaper days of Hongkong; beyond a few State papers, an occasional private diary, and perhaps a rare travel-book or two, one has little better source of information than tradition and hearsay. There should be, however, somewhere in existence, the early files of the "Hongkong Gazette," which dates back to the first year of British occupation, and was first printed in Macao by the American Mission Press.

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A photograph attached to the cover of the "Weekly Telegraph"—ready on Saturday—will show the ill-fated Emden as she lies on the Cocos Island, battered to pieces by the gun-fire of H.M.A.S. Sydney.

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Our American friends are inclined to twit us for failing to maintain our word in Belgium. Let them consider what would happen if they were called on suddenly to defend the Monroe doctrine against a great power like Germany in South America. They would be more helpless to drive the invaders out than England is in the case of Belgium.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1930.

At a time when we encounter a good deal of nonsensical and ill-informed comment regarding Britain's colonising methods, it is most refreshing to read the compliment uttered by the French Premier at the Lord Mayor's banquet held in connection with the London Naval Conference.

"When it comes to preserving peace in far distant lands and among different races," said M. Tardieu, "Great Britain can claim to have played the finest role that human genius could conceive."

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 29, 1935.

The news that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has written a slow march for the bagpipes has greatly surprised Court circles, as only his most intimate friends were let into the secret.

HONGKONG OFFICER PRISONER IN REICH

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News that Lieut. Kyrke is a prisoner of war was announced by the German-Radio last night. Berlin gave the names of twenty Officers and ratings, including that of Lieut. Kyrke, and announced that a further six names would be broadcast later. This makes a total of 26 saved from the three submarines' total complements of 106.

Orazio Foundered?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENOA, Jan. 29 (UP).—Despite an intensive search by seaplanes and tugs, the wreck of the Italian steamer Orazio has not been discovered.

It is believed that the burnt-out hull has foundered in the Mediterranean.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY WILL be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Friday, the 16th February, 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd to FRIDAY, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1940.

The Censor Thaws Out

Reveals Britain's Arctic Conditions

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter). —"The ice has been broken by the censor," chuckled the B.B.C. announcer during to-day's Empire broadcasts.

In order to make things difficult for German weathermen —and hence for German airmen —popular comments on "weather" at home have been dropped from Empire news bulletins for some time.

To-day, the censor allowed the B.B.C. to broadcast details of the sort of weather England had been having some two weeks ago.

Coldest For 46 Years

This includes the coldest weather in 46 years, freezing of the Thames, ice-skating, broken water pipes and lucky householders sharing their baths with more unfortunate friends.

"It is cold to-day, but we cannot tell you any more about it now," concluded the announcer. "Perhaps we shall be able to give you some more in the future if the censor thaws out again."

Rail Traffic Tied Up

LONDON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The severe weather of the week-end caused the biggest railway hold-up in many years, dislocating traffic throughout Britain. Some services have suspended.

In Scotland, trains were "lost" and late last night they had not reached their destinations, while expresses to London from the north are as much as 12 hours late.

Conditions on roads are also bad. Bus services are disorganised and many motorists are stranded.

Would Be Robber Sentenced

Found guilty of attempted robbery, Mun Chau, was sentenced to two years' hard labour by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day.

Jury members were Messrs. P. E. Annis, F. X. N. Mendes, S. Jon; Fong Iu-ping, A. M. Rumjahn, E. P. Souza, and Chan Tsan-kan.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Crown Counsel, said the robbery occurred at Fui Tai village, near Castle Peak, on the night between November 30 and December 1.

Occupied by Chan Sing-kwai and his fokis, a hut was entered at midnight by several persons. The occupants resisted, and the robbers ran away. One of them fell down and was arrested, and he was alleged to be the accused.

Accused said he had passed through the village on his way to Un Long after looking for a clansman in order to get a job. He was stopped and accused of the robbery.

Witnesses for the prosecution testified having seen accused in the hut with the other robbers.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1/2$\frac{13}{16}$
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T.T. Shanghai	.305
T.T. Singapore	.52½
T.T. Japan	104¼
T.T. India	.82½
T.T. U.S.A.	.24⅝
T.T. Manila	.49¼
T.T. Batavia	.45⅞
T.T. Bangkok	150¼
T.T. Saigon	.108¼
T.T. France	.10.85
T.T. Switzerland	.108¼
T.T. Australia	.1/6¾

BUYING

4 m/s L/C London	1/3.5/32
4 m/s D/P Do.	1/3.9/32
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	.25⅝
4 m/s France	.11.40
30 d/s India	.84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02½
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.99

LETTERS

That Barrage

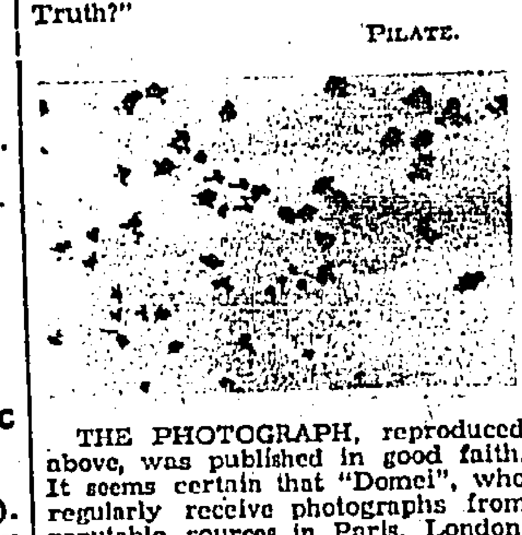
To the Editor,
The "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—With reference to the "remarkable" Domei Photo under the caption "Another amazing war picture" and showing "French anti-aircraft shrapnel bursting around a flight of German planes" that appeared in your issues of the 25th and 26th January, I enclose page 190 of the publication "Popular Flying" for July, 1938, which, you will note, contains exactly the same photograph, with the appended description:

"Dogs of war a' barking—but these "dogs have lost their teeth. A bright "display of imitation Archies put into "the air by Italian gunners for the "benefit of Herr Hitler, on the occasion "of his recent visit to that country."

I am still wondering "What is Truth?"

PILATE.



THE PHOTOGRAPH, reproduced above, was published in good faith. It seems certain that "Domei", who regularly receive photographs from reputable sources in Paris, London, New York and Berlin, have been the victim of a hoax. The local office of the Japanese agency are instituting immediate enquiries in Tokyo. They believe that the original photograph and caption came from Berlin as in illustration of the daring of German airmen. This, of course, would explain any perversion of the truth.—Ed.

Britain's War Effort

$73,000,000 Funds Spent In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Treasury has disclosed that Britain, during the first two months of the war, disposed of nearly 10 per cent. or $73,000,000, of her readily marketable American securities.

The total of such securities at the beginning of the war, according to a recent Federal Reserve Board estimate, amounted to $753,000,000. British investments in the United States, however, actually total over $3,000,000,000.

Canada also sold United States securities, but to a much less extent.

On the contrary, France added about $1,000,000 worth of marketable securities to her pre-war total of $185,000,000.

German holdings at the beginning of the war are believed to be negligible, but she sold about $600,000 worth in September and October.

Waterloo Stn. Nearly Ready

London Terminus Is Modernised

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wireless).—In spite of the great calls, due to the war, made on the Southern Railway, the modernisation of Waterloo City Railway has been rapidly proceeded with and now approaches completion. The change-over to the new system is expected to take place in early summer, and passengers will find entirely new rolling stock constructed on modern principles designed to give maximum comfort.

The journey also will be much quieter as the rails have been welded together—the method found most effectively to reduce noise. A speedy exit from this much-used railway will be assured by means of a triple escalator which has been installed at the city end.

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS

Halphong and Hollow ......Jan. 29.
Manila ......Jan. 29.
Straits ......Jan. 29.
Canton ......Jan. 30.
Halphong and Fort Bayard ..Jan. 30.
Manila ......Jan. 30.
Shanghai ......Jan. 30.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date 24th January. ......Jan 31.
Bangkok and Tourane ......Jan. 31.
Japan and Shanghai ......Jan. 31.
Java and Manila ......Jan. 31.
Shanghai ......Jan. 31.
Shanghai and Swatow ......Jan. 31.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January). Jan. 31.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai—Vancouver B.C. date, 11th January ......Feb. 1.
Calcutta and Straits ......Feb. 1.
Japan ......Feb. 1.
Straits and Saigon ......Feb. 1.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 27th January ......Feb. 3.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 20th Jan. January. ......Feb. 3.
Japan and Shanghai ......Feb. 3.
Sandakan ......Feb. 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 12th January). Feb. 3.

OUTWARD MAILS

Canton ......7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

Straits and Calcutta.
Parcels, ...Jan. 30, 11 a.m.
Letters, ...Jan. 30, Noon.
Fort Bayard ......2 p.m.
Halphong ......2 p.m.
Amoy ......2.30 p.m.
Shanghai ......3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 7th February.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 5th Feb.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 30, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 30, 7 p.m.
Straits, and London Parcels—due London, 12th March
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Reg. ......Jan. 30, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 31, 8.30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

Canton ......7.15 a.m.
Bangkok ......10.30 a.m.
Shanghai ......2.30 p.m.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 27th February
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. ......2.45 p.m.
Ord. ......3.30 p.m.
Manila, Bangkok, Mauritius Reunion, Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Durban. 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 8th February.
K.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 31, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. ......Jan. 31, 5 p.m.
Ord. ......Jan. 31, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1

Shanghai ......10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Haiphong ...2 p.m.

N. Z. DIGGERS ROUT REDS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Jan. 29 (UP).—Sailors and soldiers took a hand at a joint meeting of pacifists and communists in Auckland's Hyde Park yesterday.

Marching on the demonstrators, the New Zealand service men broke up the meeting.

A pacifist Methodist Minister and two communists were arrested for causing an obstruction.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued on Saturday says:

Nothing of any particular importance occurred during the morning.

Buyers

H.K. Bank $1,365
Canton Ins. $202
H.K. Fires Ins. $178
Douglases $50
Providents $4.35
Hotels $5.15
Lands $33.60
Yaumati Ferries $24¼
Electrics $55¼
Entertainments $0.90

Sellers

Docks $21.20
Hotels $5.40
Telephones (New) $9.60
Dairy Farms (Old) $22.00
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan $102
H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan $96

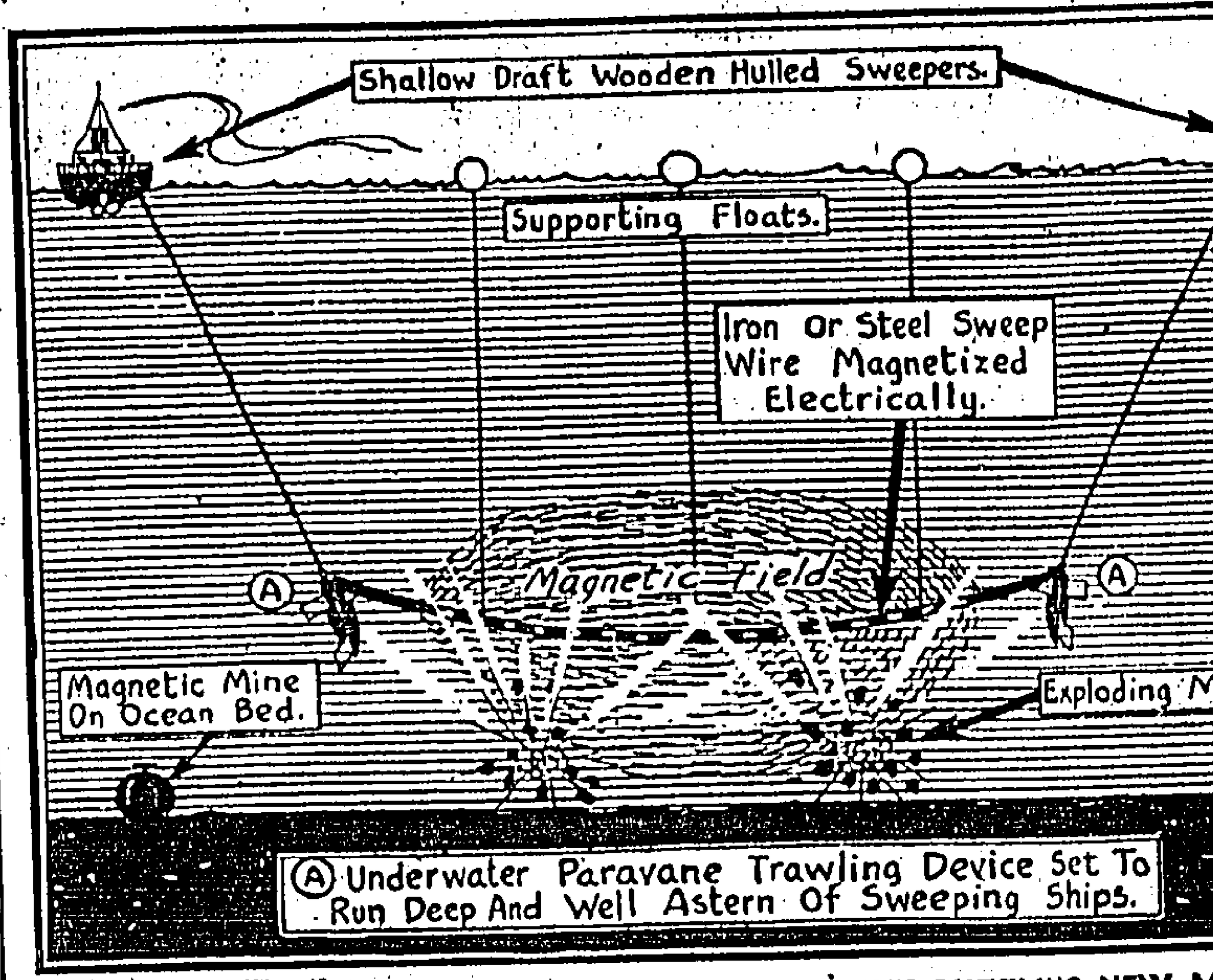
Sales

H.K. Bank $1,360/00
Docks $21
Tramways $17½
Macao Electrics $20
Telephones (Old) $24

Manila Gold Shares

Atoke Ps. .20½ b
Antamok Ps. .17½ s
Baguio Gold Ps. .23½ b
Batong Buhay Ps. .015 s
Big Wedge Ps. .22 s
Coco Grove Ps. .14½ s
Con. Mines Ps. .0040 s
Demonstration Ps. .13½ s
East Mindanao Ps. .10½ s
I.X.L. Ps. .40 s
Itogon Min. Ps. .28 s
Manbulao Con. Ps. .010 b
Masbate Con. Ps. .11 b
Mind. Motherlode Ps. .09½ b
Mine Operation Ps. .11 s
North Camarines Ps. .13½ b
Paracale Gummaus Ps. .22½ b
San Mauricio Ps. .86 s
Surigao Con. Ps. .18 b
Suyoc Con. Ps. .13½ b
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .027 s
United Paracale Ps. .32½ s
Benguet Con. Ps. 5.50 s

Expert Hits at Magnetic Mines



POSSIBLE METHOD OF SWEEPING OUT GERMANY'S PUZZLING NEW MINES. Although the British have announced they have developed a successful counter weapon to the magnetic mine, actual details are unknown.

BRITAIN FINDS DEVICE TO SWEEP OUT MINES

LONDON.—The Royal Navy has found counter weapons for the German magnetic mine, naval circles have disclosed.

Apparatus is being installed in ships on a large scale and the authorities are confident it will prove successful in sweeping estuaries, and trade channels where German submarines and planes have planted mines.

The design of the new apparatus is an Admiralty secret, but one nval authority expressed the opinion it would master the magnetic mine.

With the secret of Germany's magnetic mines now revealed, observers are speculating on the safest and most effective means of disposing of the undersea menace.

Safest Way?

By a Naval Expert

With the World War type of mine it was possible to drag at some distance from the mine sweeper for the cable which conected the floating mine with its anchor. This line was cut, and when the mine bobbed to the surface it could be set off with rifle fire.

But with the new type of magnetic mine, of which three were recently salvaged intact by the British, mine-sweeping operations take on a somewhat more complicated aspect.

[Details of the magnetic mine, given in The Christian Science Monitor Dec. 7, indicate that the mine lying on the ocean floor is actuated by a small coil-wound bar. A steel-hulled ship passing overhead acts as a permanent magnet, inducing a small current which makes the coil-wound bar operate as an electromagnet, releasing the firing device.]

Inasmuch as the magnetic mine is actuated by steel-hulled ships, wooden craft are the first requisite for the new mine-sweeping operations.

One possible scheme would be to blow the mines up by dragging a magnetized sweep over them. This would require two wooden-hulled trawlers travelling at a suitable distance apart. From each ship would be extended a line, held below the surface at the proper distance by a so-called paravane or "kite"—a device equipped with vanes which, when in motion in the water, tends to pull below the surface.

Between the two kites would be a sweep of heavy wire rope, or one-inch chain, suitably wired for being magnetized electrically. The kites could be set so that the sweep would clear the bottom and be towed well astern of the two light-draft sweepers.

If necessary, floats could be employed to take up the sag which might result from the heavy sweep extending any distance between the kites, and tending to pull the kites together.

The toll in ruined sweeps would be high, but a plentiful supply of spares would keep the sweepers going.

Meanwhile, it will be interesting to learn how Britain recovered specimens of the German magnetic mines. Having no buoyancy, these mines could not have drifted ashore or have been swept up by conventional means.

The only alternative method appears to have been to send a diver down to locate one of the mines and devise a means of hoisting it out of the water.

Such an operation would obviously require great risks, both on the part of the diver, and on the part of those engaged in hoisting and transporting the mine to shore.

Moreover, the entire procedure constitutes a most delicate operation.

STALIN MAY "POSTPONE" OFFENSIVE AGAINST FINLAND: HEAVY LOSSES

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the abrogation of the treaty of commerce with Japan.

Political circles comment unfavourably upon the new Tientsin developments, including the electrification of wires around the concessions, and although regarding the measures as retaliatory action for the Asama Maru incident, they point out that American interests are almost equally affected.

Epidemic Feared

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28 (UP).—Fearing that the thousands of unburied bodies in Finnish ports may cause an epidemic, Dr. Herrlin, Chief of the Swedish Public Health Service, has inaugurated a campaign of free vaccination and inoculation against smallpox, cholera and similar maladies.

In Full Retreat

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 29 (Reuter). —The smashing of the week-long Soviet offensive on the front north of Lake Ladoga is now estimated by a neutral corespondent to have cost the Red Army 15,000 casualties, 7,000 of them dead.

The Russians are now in retreat, and the latest reports state that three divisions retiring along the only roads in the area have been decimated by Finnish artillery fire which covers all the lines of retreat.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition have fallen into Finnish hands.

In the meantime, there is no indication that the Red Army has had enough. Intelligence information indicates that a concentration of over 200,000 men—more than twice as many as have previously appeared on this front—is ready for a renewed offensive against the Mannerheim Line to the north of Lake Ladoga.

Operations are continuing in an atmosphere well below freezing point. The conviction is shared by most neutral correspondents that the Finnish defences will hold until spring.

A communique states that three Soviet planes raiding towns in North Finland were shot down yesterday.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

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quantities of food over the electrified barbed-wire barricades.

The Japanese-controlled Chinese police appear to be disinterested in the latest evidence of Japanese agitation against foreigners.

Sections of the electrified barrier have been protected by additional barricades in order to prevent accidental approach.

Although the barricades were electrified at 11 o'clock last night there have, so far, been no incidents.

Food Shortage

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Jan. 29 (UP).—The food shortage is becoming more acute in the international concession here.

Small quantities of provisions have been thrown over the barriers during the night but the Japanese are permitting nobody to pass the barriers this morning.

Apparently the electrification of the barricades broke down temporarily this morning because dogs were seen touching the wires. Japanese electricians have been noticed carrying out an inspection.

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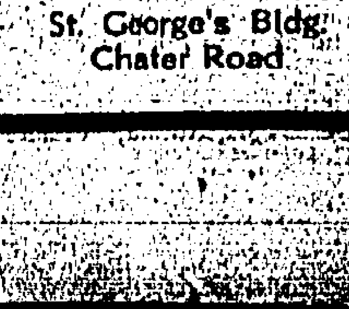

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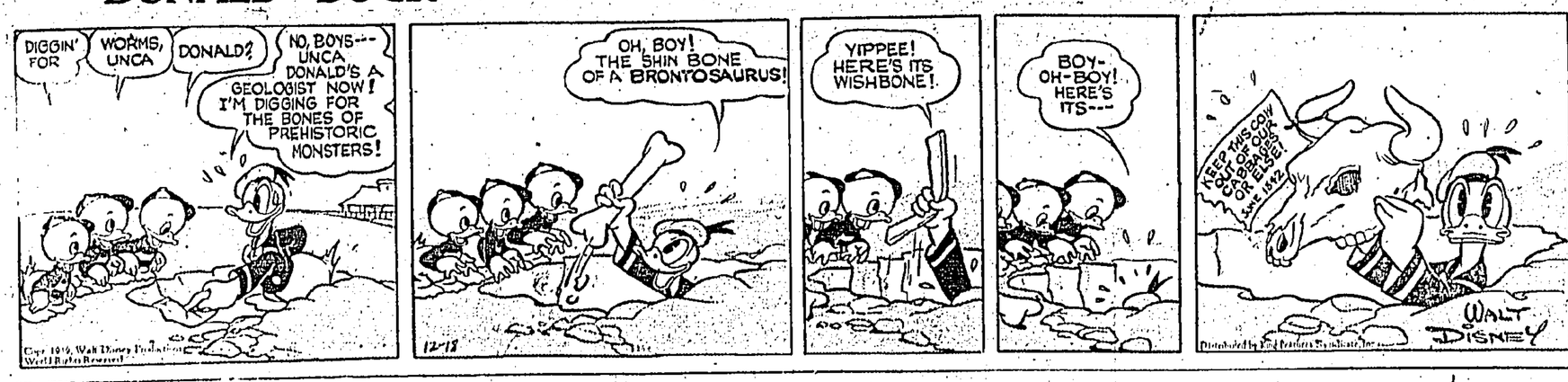

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For the woman who, at her wedding in 1927 was known as "the £70,000-a-year bride," is rapidly forgetting her society life in the joy which stern hospital discipline and hard work have brought to her.

Yesterday, for instance, she did not throw a cocktail party to celebrate her leave.

Instead she threw open The Hall to the villagers and ran a whist drive to raise money for comforts for the troops.

Qualified

Her hands are roughened with work. There is no polish on her nails, no make-up on her face.

"But I like it," she said. "I am really happy in my job.

"I detest the idea of playing at nursing as some society women do. I scrub floors, make beds, and hold sick heads. And I have been in attendance at fourteen operations.

"I have qualified as a junior probationer nurse. In the hospital most of them only know me as Nurse Ashley. That is as it should be. One day when I appeared with a little lipstick on matron told me to go and wash my face. She was quite right. I never did it again.

"None of us knows how we shall live when this war is over. I feel I must have a profession at my finger tips. It is my duty to become a useful citizen.

Like Waterloo

"Since war started my house has been like Waterloo Station. People are coming and going all the time. I gave up half the house to twenty-four evacuees, ten mothers and fourteen children. Although the children had fifteen hundred acres of garden and park land to play in, they used to go down and play on the road.

"Poor things! They were home-sick for the traffic, so back they all went, saying 'Thank you for a nice holiday.'"

But she didn't tell me that the whole village loved her, that they feel she is doing her job well, making the villagers and their comfort and problems her first consideration.

She didn't tell me that at a soldiers' camp a mile away they get dozens of cakes and pies sent up every week from her kitchens.

Doing Her Bit

She didn't tell me either about the two shooting brakes she had given to be made into ambulances, nor mention that after hard days at the hospital she runs weekly socials and dances to provide comforts for the troops. She has given up one room of her house to the village women, where they meet and knit socks and woollens for the soldiers. If she is there she joins them.

Down at The Green Man in the village the publican, Mr. Gardner, smiles with pride at the mention of her name.

"She's a lovely lady," he said, "and certainly doing her share to win the war. I've known her since she was so high."

And Mrs. Gardner added, "She is a grand woman. Although she is often worn out after a day's nursing, she always has a happy smile for us, and she can't do too much for us or for the soldiers."

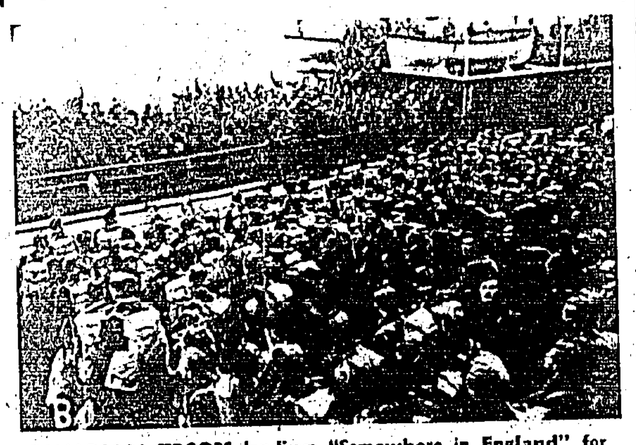
Hard Work

Society friends are amazed at the whole-hearted way in which she has gone into this job of hard work of the type she has never done before.

They remember her as daughter of the first Baron Mount Temple, sister of Lady Louis Mountbatten; as wife (until the marriage was dissolved this year) of Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for St. Marylebone, who taught the King and the Duke of Windsor to fly.

But Nurse Ashley, unlike her friends, is not reminiscing. She is looking forward . . . to the day when she will have won for herself somewhere the position of matron.

CANADIANS IN ENGLAND



CANADIAN TROOPS landing "Somewhere in England" for the first time in 23 years. They were the first overseas forces to arrive.

CENSORING THE POLITICIANS

OTTAWA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Prime Minister, is not making the customary trans-continental tour in connection with the general election which falls on March 26.

Any election speeches which are broadcast will have to be censored in accordance with the defence regulations of Canada.

Carried Too Many Passengers

Charged with arriving in the Colony on January 25 with more than 12 passengers aboard his vessel, Captain A. N. Storm, master of a British steamer, appeared in the Marine Court this morning.

Accused pleaded guilty and was fined $300 by Commander G. F. Hole. Mr. J. Dickson, Boarding Officer prosecuted.

It was alleged in Court that the steamer carried 49 passengers.

Nazis Willing To Co-operate?

BERLIN, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—The Nazi Government is reported to be drafting a conciliatory reply to the request of the 21 American republics regarding the formation of a 300-miles "safety zone" around the Americas.

The Nazis are expected to express their desire to co-operate if Britain and France do the same thing.

RIOTING IN RANGOON

Hooligans Create Disorder

SINGAPORE, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The Commissioner of Police in Rangoon has issued a statement about the rioting which occurred during a Hindu procession yesterday.

Only hooligan elements were involved, he reports. One man was killed in the rioting and three others died later of their injuries.

The area has been quiet since Saturday night.

Four Killed

RANGOON, Jan. 29 (Reuter).—Four were killed and 80 injured in Saturday's riots, caused when a religious procession was attacked by Moslem hooligans.

JUDGE ASKED FOR QUICK MERCY

FORTY-EIGHT hours after Winifred Mary Watts, unmarried mother, had been sentenced to death, she was reprieved.

Winifred Watts lived in the village of Ashill, near Ilminster, in Somerset. She loved a man and hoped that before long they would be married. She was nineteen.

After her baby son was born, Winifred Watts went on loving and hoping for five more months.

Then she learned that her hopes were vain. The man was married already. So she killed her baby.

When her story was told at Taunton Assizes the jury found Winifred Watts guilty of murder. They strongly recommended her to mercy.

Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson said quietly: "There is only one sentence." He hid his face as he pronounced the words of death.

Then he said:—

"I sincerely hope that those whose duty it is to exercise mercy will feel able to do so very speedily in your case."

Defendant Weds Plaintiff

YUBA CITY, Cal. (UP).—Less than 10 minutes after Judge H. D. Moncur gave Mrs. Clemn Ayers, 25, a six-months suspended sentence for disturbing the peace, he married her to Fred Conklin, 47—the complaining witness.

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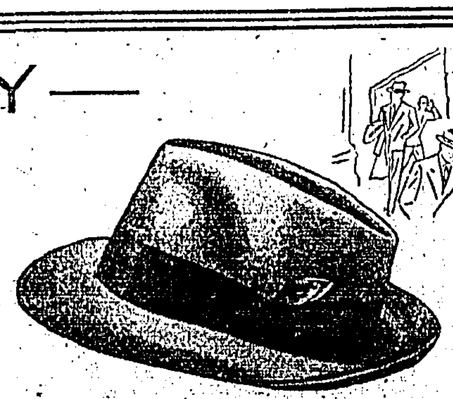

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Diminishing Mercy

The treatment of the Poles and the Czechs by their German masters takes the mind back to the worst legends of the great Asiatic conquerors. These two nations are to be turned into slave States. They are regarded by the German Government as so many millions of human beings whose homes, property, lives, and labour are to be used by their conquerors at their pleasure. It is amazing, when we read of these expropriations, these forced migrations, these plans for settling Poles and Czechs where they can best serve their masters, to think that the ruler of Germany still speaks of the Treaty of Versailles as a monster of injustice.

A decree has been issued in Berlin stating that compulsory labour service for projects of particular State importance was to be enforced in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia. What is there in the Treaty of Versailles comparable with this? If that treaty was intolerably harsh, what would be said of it if it had provided that great numbers of Germans were to be rooted up from their homes and set down in Britain and France to work for the British and French Governments? In what language would it have been described not only in Germany but in Britain as well? At this moment great bodies of Polish civilians are so employed in Germany. Poles and Czechs are treated as chattels.

The Germans hope by these methods not only to serve their large exploiting plans but also to break the spirit of the two nations.

The terrible events of the last few years suggest a sad reflection. The world to-day is more humane in most respects than it was a century ago, but the use made of power by those who can seize it is more ruthless. Napoleon was ruined by his fantastic ambition, but he was a merciful conqueror when compared with Hitler. He did not fill the Europe he mastered with concentration camps or flood with unnumbered fugitives the Europe that was still free. There were countries where his rule was remembered with gratitude and almost with affection. As for his nephew, Napoleon III of the second Empire, the worst that can be said of him would paint a ruler mild and tolerant if we turn to our modern dictators. He was responsible for the casualties of the coup d'etat of December, 1851, but he did not will them. Indeed the bloodshed in the streets of Paris was as damaging to his interests as it was distressing to his temperament. To-day nobody can read Victor Hugo's chastisement of a tyranny that would seem to-day hardly to deserve the name without thinking of the thunder that would have shaken Europe if he had lived to see the planned massacres, the concentration camps, the cold and deliberate cruelty on which Hitler builds his State. What is the significance of this growth of ruthlessness? One explanation is that both Napoleons wanted something besides power for themselves and their State. Hitler wants to use the European peoples whom he can subdue, as he would use any colonies he might recover, as reservoirs of human labour for the service of the German race. He sees the life of man in no other aspect. His pursuit of this purpose is undisturbed by any of the larger impulses that moved the Napoleons. The traditions to which he reverts are not those of Roman but of Oriental empire. That is why the struggle on which we are engaged to-day, and the constructive efforts on which we hope to be engaged to-morrow, have for their object the defence of the most elementary of the rights of man.

TIME BOMB!

WHAT THEY ARE THINKING IN ITALY

By B. Mackenzie

News Chronicle Rome Correspondent

ROME.

FORTY-FOUR MILLION Italians have ringside seats, ensconced behind the bulwarks of the Alps, watching the European war. They are fearful of what the future will bring.

Mussolini's recent messages have caused widespread relief, in spite of official cold douches from London and Paris, and hopes that the nations will sit down at a conference to discuss European ills are still advanced.

The Duce's efforts to consolidate a Southern European peace bloc are followed with keen interest. His first success, scored with Greece, and the conversations now proceeding with Yugo-Slavia are hopeful signs that the Duce's dream of a united Southern Eusopean peace front is still maturing. Bulgaria is considered a good ally, linked by marriage to Italy's royal house, while Hungary is a proven friend.

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Rumania's position is uncertain, but the Italian forecast, following the Soviet's move along her border, is that Rumania will veer under Italy's wing. Reports of the withdrawal of Italian troops concentrated in the Dodecanese, which were relayed from London, are evidence of a gesture towards Turkey and of the Duce's peaceful thrust in Southern Europe continuing.

The results of the Turkish Foreign Minister's Moscow visit are followed keenly.

The certainty of Italian neutrality has kept Turkey at bay and it is felt that Ciano has played the first move on the Southern European chessboard brilliantly. Practical Italians foresee fruitful exchanges of raw materials between Italy and the Balkans now that the Nazis are busy fighting.

Unhampered sea communications offer an excellent way of reviving the anaemic ports of Fiume and Trieste for communications with the Balkans. The Balkans have many materials which Italy can buy in exchange for machinery and manufactured articles.

A typical comment on Russia of the Italian man-in-the-street, who is poring over maps displayed in shop windows showing the Russian gains, is:

"Well, Russia seems to be doing well. Chi ci capisce niente ? (who understands anything about it ?)."

Russia's entry into Axis high society is a blow and raises many questions. Italians do not understand why Britain and France have not helped Poland.

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German propaganda is stressed. The distribution of pamphlets by British bombers is considered childish by Italians with allied leanings. If leaflets can be thrown, why not send planes to Poland to destroy German planes, they ask.

The inherent sympathy of the Italian man in the street for Britain is manifested in small ways as is also admiration for Britain and France for taking on the colossal German war machine. There is no question but that Italian faith in the Duce is very firm, though there is a whispering campaign unparalleled in seventeen years of Fascism.

The queerest stories, apparently quite unfounded, are whispered from lips to lips. Mussolini, knowing full well the pulse of the nation, since he is informed what Italians say every morning by his chief carabineers and police chiefs, found the appropriate moment to stem this campaign, which, according to diplomatic circles, will now be relentlessly curbed.

What of the future ? Italians are philosophical, for the present neutrality is assured for at least one month. But the question is: "What happens if Hitler calls?" That the Pope and the Duce are working for peace is comforting, but an ominous sign is seen in recent broadcasts extolling the valour of the heroes of the last war. A.R.P. instructions are especially broadcast in the lunch-hour telling how one should deal with gas-bombs and burning lofts, and so on, and how to economise in fats and food.

While she is striving to increase her foreign trade with a save and sell campaign, Italy appears to be taking no chances. A modest Italian woman asked me: "Why do nations scrap like women in a back court when a mutual interchange of deficient materials would solve all their difficulties ?"

There is a widespread feeling of sympathy with Poland and respect for the valour of the Polish troops, but in the view of practical observers Poland would have benefited by climbing down to the German demands, as is evidenced by the present result of the war.

In the meantime Italy is very busy concerning on tightening her belt still further—a practice indulged in since the beginning of the Abyssinian campaign.

Life here has been revolutionised. We are short of coffee and young men are unable to take their best girls for a Sunday drive. Private cars are allowed only for the "national interest." The platinum blondes are barred from their moonlit car drives.

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The nation is calm, but there is a general feeling of uneasiness about what the future holds. There is a widespread impression that every day out of war profits the nation as a whole, and that time may find a solution which will not involve the Italians and will cure the world once and for all of its present ills.

Meanwhile the man in the street congregates round the wireless sets to hear the latest bulletins from the Western Front. He is very curious to know how the impregnable Maginot and Siegfried barriers can be pierced.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Gad! I wish I was only six years old and had only a dollar to spend!"

Kowloon Dairy Farm Sued By Manager For Re-Possession Of Property

COUNSEL ALLEGES COMPANY "HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT"

Allegations that the Hongkong Dairy Supply Co., Ltd. had been hopelessly insolvent and had existed only through the benevolence of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank were made before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court this morning, when the Company was sued by Mr. George Emanuel Ahwee for damages for alleged breach of agreement in relation to the Kowloon Dairy.

Plaintiff also sought to regain possession of the property, mesne profits from May 31 last, and an injunction restraining defendants from using the trade name "Kowloon Dairy" and trade mark No. 63 of 1925.

Defendants counter-claim damages allegedly suffered through the misconduct of plaintiff while he was in their service as farm manager.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. H. Blake, of Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for plaintiff. Defendants were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans, of Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Offered $100,000

Mr. Potter said his client was proprietor of a very old and well-established dairy farm known as the Kowloon Dairy. The business was founded by his father as far back as 1902, and plaintiff succeeded to it in 1921. It was an enterprise very well-known in the Colony, and owing to the energy of father and son it had become so valuable that in May, 1939 the Dairy Farm offered to buy it for $100,000 in cash.

The defendant company was a private limited company and was registered on September 10, 1937. It consisted of about 28 to 30 members. Its authorised capital was $200,000, but the actual cash capital at the end of June last was $112,300 because certain shares were issued for consideration other than cash.

Since June, further cash capital had been raised—$17,050 in July and $250 this month. With the exception of three Chinese, the members of the Company came from what he (Mr. Potter) might call, the English community of Kowloon and Hongkong.

The Directors of the Company at the material periods in 1939 were Mr. E. C. Fredericks, Mr. E. Lewis, Dr. S. S. Strahan and Dr. Arthur Woo. Dr. Strahan and Dr. Woo left the Colony at the crucial periods of April and May, the former for good and the latter on leave. Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Lewis also resigned during that period. The Secretary was Mr. Dalziel.

Agreement With Plaintiff

The business of the Company for about the first 12 months was mainly confined to the sale of re-constituted milk, which was not very successful. On October 27, 1938, the Company entered into an agreement with plaintiff for the purchase of his property, and that agreement, Mr. Potter submitted, had been broken in almost every material particular.

"We shall," went on Mr. Potter, "prove from admitted documents that at all material times, the Company was utterly insolvent. They were never in a position to carry out the agreement, but in spite of that they held on to plaintiff's property from November 1, 1938 until the present date, with the result that plaintiff had suffered a most serious injustice, besides a very considerable loss of money."

Deny Insolvency

Referring to the pleadings, Counsel said that the Company admitted everything except that they were insolvent. They further denied that they had failed to carry out the agreement and counter-claimed for specific performance of it. Under the agreement, the Company offered to issue the first debenture to plaintiff, but in fact at all times they were never able to do because if they did the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank would have put them into liquidation. The reason they gave for the delay was that they were temporarily in financial difficulties.

"I say they were hopelessly insolvent and existed only through the benevolence of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank," said Mr. Potter.

Continuing, Counsel said the case for the plaintiff would be proved to the hilt by agreed correspondence, which would also overwhelmingly establish that at all material times, the Company was utterly insolvent.

Agreement Described

The Company entered into an agreement with plaintiff on October 27, 1938 to purchase the business at Saikung Road, known as the Kowloon Dairy, for $31,520 to be paid by the issue of debentures in the firm. Other terms agreed were the payment of a rent of $4 for each head of cattle, or $800 a month, and the employment of plaintiff as manager of the farm at $500 a month, besides commission. The Company at that time also undertook to raise a further sum of $100,000 cash capital within 24 months, following which plaintiff should have the right to demand for the issue of the debentures.

After the agreement had been signed, it was agreed that it should be put into force on December 1, 1938. Since then, the Company had been in possession of the property but up to now they had not paid a single farthing except the rent and plaintiff's salary. In other words, this hopelessly insolvent company had held on to the property in the hope of keeping alive.

History Of Broken Promises

The case, went on Mr. Potter, would be a chapter in the history of broken promises. The first was in connection with a mortgage which plaintiff had with the Chase Bank for $30,000. The Chase Bank desired that the mortgage be paid off, and it was arranged that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank should take it over to the extent of $30,000. Anything over that amount would have to be paid off, and it was arranged that the defendant company should pay this to the Chase Bank but not more than $3,000. Actually, the surplus was only $1,500 but when the Company was called upon to pay this comparatively trivial sum, they failed to do so. This was due to two alternatives: either they failed to do so and broke their promise or they were unable to. It seemed likely it was because of the latter alternative.

The reason why the Company undertook to pay off the surplus was because they had owed plaintiff $6,000 for equipment which they had agreed to take over. As a result of their failure to pay, the lease was held up because it was to be issued to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank subject to the mortgage.

Dealing with the correspondence, Mr. Potter said the first interview between the parties took place on April 13 when Mr. Dalziel informed the plaintiff that the Company could not issue the debenture because the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank would not allow, and asked him to consider any other form of security. The reason why the Bank was in a dominant position was because the Company had a very large overdraft at that time. Yet in spite of that they had pleaded they were willing at all times to carry out the agreement.

Meeting At The Bank

The following day, another interview took place at which plaintiff was informed that the debenture could not be issued because not only had the Bank threatened to put the company into liquidation but had also asked them to raise $75,000 more capital.

As a result of this interview, a meeting was held at the Bank the next day, at which Mr. Edmonston, Mr. Fenwick and Mr. Watson were present for the Bank, and Mr. Fredericks, Mr. Dalziel and Mr. Wadeson for the Company. Plaintiff attended personally with his brother and his solicitor, Mr. Hughes-Jones.

The Bank confirmed that they had not allowed the Company to issue the first debenture to plaintiff, but after the whole position had been explained, Mr. Edmonston suggested that Mr. Ahwee could have the first debenture and the Bank the second, provided that a sum of $50,000 cash capital must be raised by the Company. Mr. Fredericks thereupon undertook to call a meeting on the following Monday for the purpose of ascertaining whether the money could be raised or not. He promised to notify the Bank of the result, but up to the present day plaintiff was still ignorant of it.

At that time, the overdraft which the Company had with the Bank amounted to $61,000, and it could be seen therefore that it would be impossible for the debts to be paid even if everything the firm possessed, including the plaintiff's property, were sold.

Initialled Memorandum

After the meeting at the Bank, Mr. Dalziel had a number of interviews with plaintiff, the upshot of which was a memorandum initialled by both, setting out among other things that plaintiff should resign from being manager of the farm, give up his interests in the Amalgamated Dairies, Ltd., and that he should leave the Colony. As a matter of fact, plaintiff had in his mind at that time that if he could get a substantial payment he would go to Singapore and start a business there.

On May 11, Mr. Dalziel sent a letter to plaintiff, making a fresh offer. In place of the debenture, he offered 4,000 shares in the Company and a cash payment of $10,000. Further the rent was to be reduced to $3 for each head of cattle, and that he should no longer remain as manager of the farm. This offer was immediately made known to the Bank, who replied that so far as they were concerned they were not prepared to grant any further facilities to the Company which, they understood, was going into liquidation.

The case is proceeding.

ACUTE RICE SHORTAGE IN JAPAN

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Japan is facing an acute rice shortage during 1940 according to reports received by the Department of Agriculture from Shanghai.

It is estimated that as a result Japan will import three billion pounds of rice, which is an all-time record.

The shortage is due to the poor Korean crop. Formosa too has suffered in this respect and Japan has her smallest carry-over for the last 20 years.

It is stated that the Korean rice harvest is 40 per cent. below that of last season.

Imports are expected to be made from China and south Asia.

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Hongkong Chinese Engineering Assn.	310.39
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POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Sergeant Headridge of the Hongkong Police, had a set of car tools and a hub cover stolen from his car parked outside the Military football ground at Sookunpoo on Saturday. The articles were valued at $63.

Clothing valued at $90 was stolen from a car which was parked outside Empress Lodge in Mody Road on Saturday. The loss was reported to the Police by Lt. C. M. M. Man, of the Middlesex Regiment.

Dr. Lam Shing-fan, sub-manager of the Bank of China, will speak on his impressions of a recent trip to the U.S.A., to the Y's Men's Club at their weekly tiffin meeting at the St. Francis Hotel on Thursday.

YUGO-SLAV PREMIER IS INJURED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BELGRADE, Jan. 28, (UP).—A train collision today resulted in the Yugo-Slav Premier, M. Cvetkovitch being slightly injured, and the Minister of Finance being seriously hurt.

The two statesmen were en route to Belgrade from a hunting party at Beyle when their train collided with some railway cars which had become disengaged from a previous train.

Nazi Troops In Galicia

Report Flatly Denied By Soviet Agency

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Domei).—The Tass News Agency to-day flatly denies foreign press reports that German troops are guarding the railway in the Soviet-occupied area in Eastern Poland.

According to reports, the Nazi troops are there in an attempt to secure the transport of Rumanian oil by railway.

The Tass statement declares that not a single German soldier is stationed in Western Ukraine (Eastern Galicia), adding that the friendly relations between Germany and the Soviet Union will not allow the stationing of alien troops in either country.

New Russian Railway

5-Year-Plan Project Nears Completion

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A new railway linking Akmolinsk and Karatal in Kazakstan is nearing completion, eight months after the work was started.

The railway extends nearly 600 miles and forms the most important railway project in the third Five-Year Plan.

A test run on the new line was made on Saturday last between Karaganda and Magnitogolsk, and according to an announcement, the new line will formally be opened to traffic in a few months time.

The railway is designed to link the coal mines at Karaganda and the metallurgical industry in the Ural, forming part of the projected South Siberian Railway between Karatal and Karatalshet, south of Irkutsk.

Prison For Lottery Organisers

As a result of a raid carried out by the police on January 27 at 5 Bedford Road, second floor, Leung Po, 40, unemployed, and Lau Kan-yau, 40, widow, appeared before Mr. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

They were charged with possession of a printing press without a licence, keeping a common gaming house for the purpose of a Po Piu lottery, and publishing an announcement relating to a lottery.

Both defendants pleaded guilty to the charges.

Leung who had had previous convictions for the same offences was fined $200 or three months' on the first charge, $100 or six weeks and $10 or two weeks for the second and third charges respectively. Lau was fined $50 or one month, $20 or month and $5 or one week, respectively. The terms are to be served consecutively.

Nazi Trade Talks At Deadlock

Mission Chief Pays Visit To Italy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BUCHAREST, Jan. 28, (Domei).—Considerable speculation has been caused here by the sudden departure for Rome of Herr Crodeus, head of the German trade mission to Rumania, who has been negotiating with the Rumanian Government for the conclusion of a new trade agreement.

Informed quarters believe that the departure of the German trade delegate indicates a deadlock in the German-Rumanian trade negotiations.

Germany has made a four-point proposal to Rumania in connection with the recent trade negotiations. The German demands include acceleration of the transport of Rumanian oil to Germany by railway, sale of German arms to Rumania, supply of Rumanian timber to Germany, and fixing of the exchange rate of German marks.

Tremendously Important

Germany attaches tremendous importance to the transport of Rumanian oil. Under the existing German-Rumanian oil agreement, Rumania is to supply monthly 150,000 tons of oil to Germany but the actual transit hitherto has been less than half the fixed amount.

In order to improve the transport of oil, Germany has proposed the reorganization of railway stations at the border for the transfer of goods. Rumania is understood to have refused to comply with the German request, apparently in deference to the Allied demarches.

Herr Crodeus is said to be visiting Rome to ask for Italy's good offices in breaking the deadlock in the German-Rumanian trade negotiations. He is expected to return in a few days to resume negotiations.

Wants Italian Rolling Stock

ROME, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—It is understood that one of the objects of the visit of the German trade expert, Mr. Claudius, is to obtain Italian stock.

The chaotic condition of German railways and the bad state of their rolling stock have long been assumed here, but it is considered doubtful whether the Italian railways will barter away stock when all national efforts are being devoted to defence preparations, though experts believe that Italy might release a number of steam locomotives as 65 per cent. of Italian railways have been electrified.

ABDUCTED CHILD

Prison Sentence For Chinese Woman

Chan Kam, 60, widow, was found guilty of kidnapping Li Sai-ti, an eight-year-old girl on January 20, when she appeared before Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Two others, Chan Ying, 30, married woman, and Lai Yuk, 49, a travelling trader were also charged, but found not guilty.

Detective Sergeant J. Johnston said that on the morning of January 20, the child left the house to play but did not return. The parents were alarmed and notified the police. Acting on information, the police went to Tak Mun Island and there found first defendant. She admitted abducting the girl and took the police to Pak Tak Au Village where they found the girl in the custody of the second and third defendants.

Chan Ying and Lai said the first defendant had sold the girl to them.

Chan Kam was found guilty and sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

GENERALISSIMO IN NEW POST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 29. (UP).—In addition to the several war-time posts he already fills Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to assume another administration.

The National Government has issued a mandate, appointing the Generalissimo as Director of the Szechuan Provincial Opium Suppression Board.

Chiang Ching-kuo, the Generalissimo's son, has been appointed Special Administrative Superintendent of the Fourth Zone in Kiangsi Province and Peace Preservation Commissioner.

During the past two years Chiang Ching-kuo has been vice-Commander of the Peace Preservation Commission in Kiangsi.

SHOCKING DISASTER: 200 BURNT ALIVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

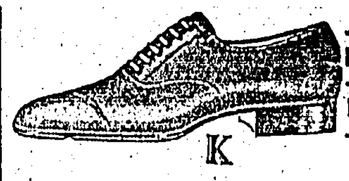
OSAKA, Jan. 29 (Domei).—About 200 people perished in flames when a three-car electric train, filled with a rush-hour-load of workers, jumped the track and overturned at Ajigawa, near Osaka shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.

The rear car, crowded with 300 passengers, was derailed and turned turtle, bursting into flames.

Frightful scenes followed when about 200 persons were trapped in the blaze and were burnt to death.

At least 100 others were injured, many of them seriously.

A "Reuter" report says that a gasoline rail-car was derailed and overturned. The casualties are placed as high as 300.



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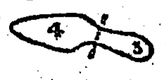

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MONDAY MORNING COMMENTARY

COMBINED CHINESE DEFEAT CIVILIANS 4-2

(By "Rex")

OUTSTANDING FEATURES of a very interesting game were the totally unexpected fight put up by the Civilian team, the complete domination by A. V. Gosano over Chan Tak-fai and Lee Wai-tong, and two surprise goals by Hau Ching-to which gained for the Chinese their four goals to two victory over the Civilians in the second round of the Lai Wah Cup at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Taylor And Forrow In Excellent Form

Taylor, the Police custodian, was to the fore with a splendid performance, his great height and length of reach disconcerting the Chinese attackers no end.

This match had an added interest in that Forrow gave a brilliant exhibition at inside left and should provide a solution as to the final composition of the Interport side to meet Shanghai.

Taylor used his great height and length of reach to good advantage, saving shots from Lee, Fung and Chan which an ordinary goal-keeper would have found beyond his reach. He also caused a small amount of amusement by picking the ball from almost the heads of the Chinese attackers without having to jump for it.

Blackburn was a tower of strength in the back-line, clearing timely and strongly. Bone was slightly off-colour, and, but for the timely covering and intercepting of Blackburn, the Civilians might have had a larger score to reduce.

A. V. Gosano was at the peak of his form and covered Lee Wai-tong and Chan Tak-fai so well that they had hardly a chance to score. In the second half he even included Fung King-cheong in his itinerary and bottled up the Chinese attack. His wing-halves, Maxwell and Henniball supported him well. Henniball was the better of the two considering he had to cope with wily Fung and a lack of support from Bone threw an added burden on his shoulders. Maxwell found Hau Ching-to too fast for him, but intercepted finely throughout.

A SUBSTITUTE

AN INJURY to Fowler on Saturday incapacitated him from playing and he was substituted by Rumjahn, a third division player who, nevertheless, gave a good account of himself, his closing-in resulting in a goal for the Civilians. He was dominated by Lee Kwok-wai, and Soong Ling-seng spoiled much of his work. Pryde gave another fine performance in the inside right berth. With more experience this player will make a mark in local soccer. His perception of the right moves stamping him as a schemer in the making. What he lacks in height he makes up for in excellent ball control, body swerve and a good turn of speed.

B. Gosano was a trier, but I think he should realise he is not fitted for that position. He has the speed, dash and ball control but something is lacking in his make-up as a centre-forward. Forrow vied with Pryde for honours in the forward line. His headwork and passes were perfect. He worked for Bickford and helped that player to attain that peak for which he received acknowledgment of being the best left winger in the Colony.

GREAT PERFORMANCE

CHEUNG WING-CHOI gave a magnificent performance for the Chinese. To him goes major part of the credit for saving the day for the Chinese. He pulled off several magnificent saves in fine style in spite of the fact that he was very often hard pressed and harassed by the Civilian forwards.

Lee Tin-sang and Lee Kwok-wai defended well. Although playing at variance to each other they managed to keep a semblance of co-ordination. Their spoiling work was below par but their clearances were not the least haphazard, finding their men most times.

The halves worked well but for Leung Wing-chiu who appeared disjointed. Hsu King-seng gave another excellent performance at pivot. He had the full measure of Bertie and checked him well. He was equally at home in attack and defence and did much to get his forwards going when they were beaten back. Soon Ling-seng gave excellent support and covered him nicely. Leung Wing-chiu centred his attention on Forrow, meanwhile keeping his eye on Bickford whom he allowed to elude time and again through his lack of speed.

The forwards were seen to advantage as a unit only in patches. The inside trio of Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheong and Lee Wai-tong tried to combine but when their attempts were frustrated swung the ball to the wing men who were the real attackers. Hau Ching-to, despite his two goals was not better than Chung Yung-sum who gave a great display. His fine runs down the field and beautiful centres was the occasion for an outburst from the crowds which packed the stands.

HOW TEAMS FARED

Lai Wah Cup

Army	5 Navy	2
C. Chinese	4 Civilians	2

Senior Shield First Round Replay

Club	0 Royal Scots	4

First Division

Kwong Wah	1 St. Joseph's	3
Kowloon	1 S. China "B"	2

Second Division "A"

South China	2 5th R.A.	0

Second Division "B"

R.A.F.	- University	-

(Postponed)

Third Division

Signals	2 Royal Scots	1
South China	1 Engineers	0
R.A.M.C.	1 Kumaons	2
12th R.A.	5 International	2
5th R.A.	0 24th R.A.	3

Friendly Match

Press	0 Referees	2
Police	7 Reserves	1

THE KICK-OFF

CIVILIANS kicked off against a stiff wind and their initial attack provided some anxious moments for the Chinese supporters. Chinese brought the ball into the Civilian area and Taylor saved from Fung. Minutes later Chinese again attacked, Taylor saving this time from Chan and again from Lee, both times utilising one hand in stopping. Civilians attacked Forrow's parting shot from a pass from Pryde was cleared by Lee Tin-sang. Bickford sent in some lovely daisy cutters which caused Cheung at goal no end of trouble saving them. The Chinese now pressed hard for the lead.A. V. cleared from a partial clearance by Blackburn. Blackburn again stopped a certain goal the ball bounding off his head behind the posts.

From the corner there was a mad scramble for the ball and Lee pushed it in with Taylor completely covered by his own and the opposition's players.

Civilian pressed for the equaliser, in one of their raids Bickford was hurt. There was lull until Chinese took the initiative and Chung was sent down the wing with a fine pass from Fung. His centre was headed in by Chan, the ball spinning out of the grasp of Taylor into the net.

CIVILIANS ATTACK

UNDAUNTED the Civilian returned to the attack, Bickford sent in a perfect centre right in the goalmouth for Cheung to flat it out. Pryde gained possession of the ball and first-timed, the ball scraped the upright to glance into the net. This score stood till half time with much mid field play.

The second half opened with the Civilian attacking strongly putting the Chinese on the defensive. The Chinese broke away, Fung sent Chung off with another glorious pass for the latter to centre right across the Civilians' goal-mouth Hau dashing in from nowhere to meet it first time the ball whistling past Taylor.

This seemed to give added zest to the Civilian who pressed harder. Goals were missed by all the forwards. Forrow picked up a loose ball in midfield and sent Bickford off with a nice pass. Bickford in turn passed to Forrow who flashed it goalwards Cheung just getting his hand to it, but Rumjahn, emulating

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MAN MORE AGGRESSIVE

Man was much more aggressive and rapidly overhauled his partner. He might have been run out in his first over but for a wild throw in to the wicket. When in his fifties he gave chances in the deep which were not accepted. Nevertheless it was a noteworthy effort against bowling which was extremely steady in the earlier stages of the innings.

Luke in his first spell had the batsmen tied down, and Taylor was also difficult to get away until he tired, and then he was hit for four fours in one over.

The Army took two full hours to score their 169 for 5 declared, and only in the middle of the innings did the batsmen really get on top of the bowling.

With memories of last year's match when at Sookunpoo the K.C.C. scored 200 in an hour and three-quarters to win the match, the champions felt that the task of scoring 170 in about the same time was by no means impossible.

The early dismissal of Lay and Mulcahy at the same total, soon placed the home side strictly on the defensive. Fargus had Lay brilliantly caught in the slips off a hard cut and Ratcliffe lured Mulcahy into a false stroke.

Baxter stayed a while, while others lost their wickets cheaply, and then he "had a go" at Paul's slow off-spinners and was bowled neck and crop.

SIX MINUTES TO SPARE

Goodban, playing the ball firmly with middle of the bat looked capable of staying for all time and there appeared a chance of the Army being denied three deserved points when he and Luke were defending.

Then Luke had a dip and was bowled and Goodban, in attempting to steal the bowling was stumped. Army won with about six minutes to spare.

The Army bowlers made most of their opportunities. The change bowlers were brought on just at the right time, and when the last two wickets were needed, the opening trundlers were put back and accomplished their expected task. Nevertheless, K.C.C. batting was decidedly supine and it appears that the middle men have become so used to seeing Mulcahy, Lay and Goodban knock off the bowlers, that they are no longer capable of pulling the side together after a bad start.

Junior Cricket

Champions' Farewell To Shield?

SECOND DEFEAT IN TWO WEEKS

To all intents and purposes the K.C.C. have said farewell to the junior cricket championship, which they won last year, as a result of their second defeat of the season on Saturday.

Reproducing form almost identical to that which lost them three points at Craigengower the week before, the K.C.C. lost to the Army on the Cox's Road ground by 71 runs.

K.C.C. again committed fielding errors which proved expensive, but it was in batting that they chiefly disappointed their supporters. Against a steady, but by no means exceptional attack, the junior champions shaped as though every ball held disguised terrors. This made a striking contrast to the stolid, confident showing of the Army batsmen, who treated the bowling strictly on its merits, anything off the wicket being punished accordingly.

The third wicket partnership of 120 between Patterson and Man was a particularly good effort, but it was exasperating for the K.C.C. to remember afterwards that Patterson should have been caught quite comfortably off a cocked-up shot to leg after he had scored a single. Thereafter he made no mistakes, and ambled along steadily towards his half-century.

Women's Tennis

MRS. LITTON DEFEATS MRS. CHIU FOR COLONY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE COLONY WOMEN'S singles tennis championship was won by Mrs. Litton who easily beat Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu by 6-0, 6-1 at the United Services Recreation Club yesterday.

Steadier all round and retrieving practically everything that came across the net, Mrs. Lo-Litton dropped very few points against an opponent who was playing well below her usual league and tournament form.

Mrs. Chiu's service was perhaps her strongest point, and occasionally she sent over some splendid forehand drives to the corners of the court, but against a rock-like steadiness she gradually deteriorated and eventually faded out.

Mrs. Lo-Litton previously won the title in 1930-31-32, the women's doubles championship with Mrs. R. E. Tottenham in 1931-32 and the mixed doubles with her brother, M. W. Lo, in 1928, 1930 and 1932.

Australian Tennis Titles

SYDNEY, Jan. 27 (Reuter).—Jack Crawford defeated John Bromich, hofder, 6-4, 6-1, 9-7 in the semi-final of the Australian singles tennis championships. In the other semi-final, Adrian Quist beat Vivian McGrath, 6-4, 10-8, 6-3.

Results of the women's semi-finals were.—Miss Thelma Coyne beat Mrs. Hopman 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; Miss Nancy Wynne beat Miss Joan Hartigan 6-0, 3-6, 6-1.

The men's doubles final was won by Bromich and Quist, who beat Crawford and McGrath, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1. The women's doubles final went to Miss Wynne and Miss Coyne, who defeated Miss Hartigan and Miss Niemeyer, 7-5, 6-1.

Lucky Sweep Tickets At Macao

Sweep results on yesterday's races at Macao were:

Race No. 1

No. 425	$110.10
" 533	33.10
" 445	10.50

Unplaced pony ($10) No. 515.

Race No. 2

No. 156	$113.40
" 576	32.40
" 32	16.20

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 272, 570.

Race No. 3

No. 503	$123.60
" 528	36.70
" 141	18.30

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 107, 578.

Race No. 4

No. 535	135.60
" 369	30.80
" 552	10.40

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 571, 559.

Race No. 5

No. 555	$159.20
" 164	45.50
" 31	22.70

Unplaced pony ($15) No. 60.

Race No. 6

No. 552	$321.80
" 444	91.90
" 241	45.90

Unplaced ponies ($15 each): Nos. 614, 240.

Japanese Enthusiasm For "Sumo"

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Domei).—With the vast Kokugikan wrestling arena packed to capacity by 10,000 of "sumo" enthusiasts who braved sub-zero weather, preliminaries of the Spring Sumo Tournament got under way here at 2 o'clock this morning.

As thousands jammed the approaches to the arena by noon yesterday, the gates were opened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, a record in early openings. Four hours later, the "House Full" sign was hung out.

Because of the bitterly cold weather, would-be spectators came equipped with blankets and other clothing in order to keep warm in the vast unheated arena. As usual food and drink were brought by the enthusiasts, who settled down for a long wait.

Gen. Taka Hishikari, president of the Loyalty Memorial Association, to which the opening day's gate proceeds were dedicated made an address thanking the audience. Tickets sold at 50 sen.

HONGKONG RIDING SCHOOL ANNUAL SPORTS

Several hundred spectators witnessed the annual sports of the Hongkong Riding School, managed by Mr. Bob Charles at Taihang Road yesterday. The weather, and the grounds, stands and stables were gaily decorated with flags.

The varied programme provided competition for both adults and children, and so well did many of the competitors that the judges in some instances found difficulty in finding the winners.

Among the many spectators were the Hon. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Wing-Cdr. and Mrs. A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, and Major J. L. Willcocks.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. S. H. Dodwell, who was the recipient of a basket of flowers from little Susan Steele-Perkins.

THE RESULTS

The following were the events and prize-winners:

Target Competition.—Miss V. Walker.

Intermediate Children's Competitios (Class 1).—1, Miss G. Lee; 2, Miss B. Rickwood; 3, Miss C. Davis.

Adult Members' Competition.—1, Miss N. Kerrison; 2, Mrs. E. Selby; 3, Mr. P. Calderara.

Intermediate Children's Competition (Class 2.—Tie between Master R. Cooke, Miss J. Davis and Master F. Hechtel, who drew lots for the cups.

Musical Chairs.—Mr. R. H. J. Brooks.

Advanced Children's Competition.—1, Miss P. Dodwell; 2, Miss V. Walker; 3, Master P. Harriman.

Tiny Tots Competition.—1, Miss Susan Wood; 2, Miss Susan Steele-Perkins; 3, Master Colin Selby.

Children's Learners Competition.—1, Miss M. Hume; 2, Master C. Shaifer; 3, Master J. Selby.

Aunt Sally Competition.—1, Miss Dowbiggin; 2, Mrs. R. H. J. Brooks.

Jumping Competition.—1, Mr. F. Appleton; 2, Master H. Tipple; 3, Mr. W. G. Poy.

Jumping Competition (Pupils).—Master B. Stott.

Harriman Challenge Cup (for best rider in School).—Miss V. Walker.

Best Girl Rider.—Miss P. Dodwell.

Best Chinese Pupil.—Miss G. Lee.

The following were the officials:

Judges.—Lt.-Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Major F. Hogg, Major K. S. Simpson, Capt. L. M. Reidy and Mr. A. Hutton Potts.

Committee.—Messrs. F. Appleton, B. Charles, R. H. J. Brooks, R. C. Butler, E. S. Kerrison, W. G. Poy and R. E. Stott.

Jack Chaucer Wins Red Cross Steeplechase

Leopardstowne, Eire, Jan. 27.

Mr. H. L. Egan's Jack Chaucer won the Red Cross Steeplechase by two lengths from Sterling Duke. Knockadroleen was third, eight lengths behind. The betting was: Jack Chaucer 4-1, Sterling Duke 12-1, and Knockadroleen 20-1.

The race was held under the auspices of the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. It was determined that the distribution of the sweepstake prizes would be mostly to points in Western Europe since there was not time to get the tickets overseas.—*United Press.*

Reuter says there were 22 starters.

Badminton Assn: Meeting

BADMINTON club secretaries are reminded that a meeting of the Badminton Association Council will be held to-morrow (Tuesday) in the S. C. M. Post boardroom at 5.30.

Principal business will be to discuss the current season's Colony championships, and a full attendance of club representatives is requested.

Rest Of The Colony Defeated By One Point

(By "Fly-half")

THE COLONY INTERPORT XV just gained the day over the Rest of the Colony by one point in their rugby match at Sookunpoo on Saturday; the actual score being 6 points (two tries) to a 5 (a goal). Both teams missed what appeared to be certain scoring opportunities through selfishness or over-eagerness, but as the chances missed were equally divided they had little bearing on the score.

The Colony side appeared to keep themselves in reserve, and in view of the near sailing date they adopted a sane policy, especially as the ground, in addition, was hard. Hutchison's inability to play owing to pressure of work, and Bosanquet's absence due to an injury which he is still nursing, considerably changed the effectiveness of the three-quarters.

Although Van Leeuwen and Carruthers, who deputised, played reasonably well, they were not up to the standard of the absentees. Stewart and Bidwell did well together, and it was by them that Club's scores were made. Henderson, at full-back, was cool, but a little inclined to take his chance with the bounce of the ball before gathering.

The halves, Charter and Thomson, played well and hard throughout. Charter surprised everyone by his buying of Boe's dummies. Thomson gave a good service from the scrum, and kept well up with play in the loose. He had a great tackle of D. H. Taylor out in the open, when the full-back was moving.

OVERWORKED "WHEEL"

CLUB FORWARDS kept their end up despite losing the push. Castleton, who played instead of Salter who is at Camp, did well to get the ball back as often as he did. The Interport side have nothing to fear in the lineouts with Walkden, Godfrey and Taylor in their present form.

Encouraged by their success last week with wheels, Club were inclined to overdo it on Saturday. Redman and Godfrey were a hard-working pair of wing forwards. Godfrey was badly at fault once when he tried to batter his way past Taylor instead of passing out to one of the three men, who were outside him and up with the play.

Taylor again gave a polished display of fielding and kicking but still prefers to collar his man instead of tackling him. Kennedy had a fair margin of success in his marking of Stewart. Stevens was a disappointment. Waite, who deputised for Paul (suffering from a shoulder injury) had little difficulty in holding Carruthers, but could not in turn get through.—Richards and Van Leeuwen neutralised each other's play.

IN RAMPANT FORM

BOE, brought in at the last moment in place of Hook, was in rampant form, and had Charter, his vis-a-vis, going away from him by use of the dummy on several occasions. Unfortunately they came when least expected, and he found himself unsupported. Luscombe, at scrum-half, was too well marked to give him one opportunity of breaking away from the scrum. His service from the scrum connected with the outside, alright.

Up forward, the Rest were best served by Taylor (Navy), Wright-Nooth, Pinkerton and Cuthbertson.

All the scoring was done in the second half when Stevens went over for the Rest for a try which was converted by himself. Near the end two swift tries scored by Stewart, following good play between Bidwell and Stewart, gave the Interporters victory. Castleton and then Henderson failed to convert.

Club "A" Defeated

A TEAM, MAINLY RECRUITED just prior to the kick-off and styled the Rest of the Colony "A" defeated Club "A" by the narrow margin of 5 points (a goal) to 3 (a penalty goal).

Interest in this game rested mainly on the display of two newcomers to Colony rugger, both having played in first class rugby in Scotland. Miller, a Heriot's E. P. player, who has played in Edinburgh in Scottish inter-City trials, turned out for the Rest "A" at forward. He was obviously hamstrung by lack of training, having just come off a trooper. He was seen to best advantage in the lineouts, for which department he is well suited having great height.

The other is McRae, a brother of the Scottish international, and like his brother, a former St. Andrew's University player. He was prominent in Saturday's game in the lineouts and feet rushes. Having been at Amoy for a year, he has been out of rugby for a season.

Club lost Nelson in the first half owing to a broken clavicle, sustained in a tackle. With a man short in the three-line it was surprising that no forward was not sent back. However, keen tackling by the whole of the Club team aided by good covering up by Club's forwards, among whom Bompas, Henseman, Kennedy and McRae excelled, kept Rest "A" out.

A GOOD SHOW

LEIGH, a forward normally, put up a good show at inside threequarter, but lacked pace in attack. Lavalle was the only other three to shine.

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GESTAPO WAR ON THE CATHOLICS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 28 (UP).—Remarkable allegations regarding the cruelty of the dreaded Nazi Gestapo in Poland bear all the weight of ecclesiastical truth in a report which is being prepared for His Holiness the Pope by Cardinal Hlend.

The venerable Catholic Cardinal alleges that the Gestapo caused the widespread murder and persecution of Catholic priests in Poland after the country was occupied.

His report lists the names of 15 priests who were shot by orders of the Gestapo. The dates of their deaths are given.

Other priests are alleged to have been subjected to beatings and other forms of ill-treatment at the hands of the dreaded German secret police.

"Priests and nuns have been persecuted and humiliated, and children have been driven from Catholic orphanages," the report claims.

It adds that several priests have been sent to Nazi concentration camps.

"It is now a common sight to see priests working under forced labour on the shattered roads and bridges in Poland.

Beaten Over Head

"German soldiers killed Father Mariano Shnzpczak by beating him over the head with their rifle butts.

"Other priests were shut up in a pig-sty overnight while the Gestapo questioned them. They were barbarously beaten and tortured.

"Of a total of 261 parishes in Poland, over half are now without priests.

"The situation is becoming worse.

"The Catholic population of Poland is being violently torn from the soil and are being replaced by Germans, very few of whom are Catholics.

"Sermons in the Polish language are forbidden. They must be given in German.

"The Church in Poland is in the hands of the Gestapo. It is being stripped of its wealth. If this continues there will be total confiscation of all Catholic property.

"The Cathedral at Pznian is closed and the Gestapo is in charge. The Theological Seminary has been closed and the students dispersed.

"The Archbishop's Palace has been devastated."

Interport XV Beat Rest

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Rutherford gave a good service from the scrum. Roscoe, at fullback, was kept busy having generally to fall in on the wing to take the opposing winger. That the Rest did not score was due to good tackling by the fullback.

Roe was a steady full-back for the Rest. Bowden, Jackson and Burrell played well in a three-quarter line which was put out of gear frequently by a faulty stand-off half. Foley worked hard at scrum-half. Among the forwards, Ferris, Miller, Dempsey and Sheldrake caught the eye occasionally.

Foley scored for the Rest near the fing. With a magnificent kick Burrell converted. After hitting an upright with a free-kick, McRae later kicked a penalty goal to obtain three points for Club.

CRASHED CAR INTO PILLAR

In an attempt to avoid a Chinese pedestrian who ran suddenly across the road outside the Laichikok Hospital yesterday, L. Sgt. Brown, of the Tsun Wan Police Station, deliberately crashed his car into a concrete post.

The car sustained extensive damage but the pedestrian escaped. L. Sgt. Brown was uninjured.

War Anniversary Quietly Observed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Jan. 28 (UP).—The eighth Anniversary of the beginning of the Shanghai war in 1932 was observed quietly in Chungking by comforting the families of soldiers at the front with money and food.

A lecture was given by General Chun Chih-chung, the Shanghai commander in the second Shanghai war.

Combined Chinese Beat Civilians 4-2

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Hau, dashed in and sent the ball rasping into the goal.

PRESSING HARD

THE CIVILIANS pressed harder than ever before, Pryde missed a header, 'Bertie' a terrific drive from just outside the penalty area. Forrow and Bickford both sent in winners which were all, however, just off the mark. The Chinese could only manage periodical raids which became more dangerous as the Civilian neglected defence and concentrated on attack. A sudden breakaway by the Chinese, Chan returned Chung's pass to him for the latter to dash up and centre Blackburn was too late in covering Hau who beat Taylor with another drive.

Civilians. — Taylor; Blackburn, Bone; Maxwell, A. V. Gosano, Hennibail; Rubjahn, Pryde, B. Gosano, Forrow and Bickford.

Chinese.—Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Leung Wing-chiu, Hsu King-seng, Soong Ling-seng; Chung Ying-sum, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Hau Ching-to.

Referees 2 Press 0

It would happen to the Press!

After a blank first half, a second, in which they were the more aggressive and were aided by the stiff wind, they not only failed to score but allowed the Referees to sneak two goals in quick succession and carry the day in their annual match which served as a curtain raiser for the Chinese-Civilian match.

With few exceptions, two in fact, the Press fielded a team of either veterans or players who were making their first acquaintance with a football. One Press player thought a "T-Ball" was a tea dance for high government officials. He never had such an assignment.

The Referees, upholders of the Association Laws, were the chief breakers of them. They displayed their elbows like true mannequins.

K. K. Ip, former South China star, was the star turn for the Referees in the forward line, and led his men well. Salter, in goal was safe and was the mainstay of the Referees' defence saving time and again from 'terrific' bombardments by the Press.

Brokenshire, in goal for the Press gave an inspired performance under the circumstances, the shots that beat him were real eye-openers.

The Press kicked off facing the wind and pegged away at the Ref's goal. Au Shu-ngok teamed well with Martin, who in turn partnered well with Munton on the right wing. Omar, on the left wing, came in for some nice runs down the wing. The halves were very weak and it was left to the defence to break up the Ref's movements which they did nicely.

MORE THRILLS

THE SECOND HALF provided more thrills than the first. The Press kept the Refs in their own area till in a sudden breakaway the latter scored. Demee and Ip were to the fore. Shortly after, the Referees again found the net when Brokenshire had partially cleared a hard drive by Demee; the ball was tapped into the net with him unbalanced.

The Press were always trying hard for goals but they did not come.

Turkey Receives Allies' Gold

ANKARA, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Gold valued at £15,000,000, granted under the recent Anglo-French-Turkish agreement to strengthen Turkey's exchange, has arrived by special train from Syria.

GRIPPS ENTERTAINERS HAD BUSY AFTERNOON

WHEN WAR was declared in September, Mimi and Jose, famous Mexican dancers, were working in Paris.

When the night-life of the gay French capital became quieter and the large hotels closed down on their lavish entertaining, Mimi and Jose decided to go back to America—but not across the Atlantic.

They arrived in Hongkong on Saturday afternoon, en route to New York.

They were expected originally on Thursday, and arrangements were made for them to stop-over in this Colony in order to appear for a brief season at the Hongkong Hotel.

Though their liner was delayed, the two Mexican entertainers were able to make their bow at the Gripps as originally scheduled.

But they had to come ashore in their rehearsal costumes to commence rehearsals, half-an-hour after their ship tied up, with Nick Korin's Orchestra.

The entertainment provided by the Mexican stars gave patrons of the Gripps a genuine thrill on Saturday night, and it was necessary to clear the floor on each of their three appearances by starting up the dance music. Demands for encores could not be fulfilled as Mimi and Jose were only able to rehearse the three numbers for which they were billed during the short time they were at the Hotel after their landing.

Their acts consist of Spanish and Mexican dancing and songs.

Mimi's wardrobe, incidentally, includes some of the latest creations from Paris.

Japanese Mass More Troops In Shansi

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HINGTSI, Jan. 28 (Central).—Fighting in Shansi centres in the southeast part of the province.

After the collapse of their southward push from Changchih and Hukwan, the Japanese have massed some 6,000 troops for a new three-column drive in the same direction.

While engaging in front clashes, the Chinese are launching enveloping attacks at Changchih, Changtse and Hukwan to threaten the enemy bases.

They succeeded in breaking into Hukwan, inflicting heavy casualties upon the Japanese. Several outer defence points of Changchih and Knoping have returned to Chinese control.

In south Shansi the Japanese are on the defensive after their failure to dislodge the Chinese in the Chungtiao Mountain Range in repeated drives.

To the west of the Tsin River the Chinese are bringing pressure to bear upon the Japanese occupying Fowshan, 22 miles east of Linfen. Several units of Japanese reinforcements have been driven back. The Japanese at Linfen are also menaced by increasing Chinese activities around the city.

The situation in west Shansi is comparatively quiet.

Chekiang Town Raided

KINHWA, Jan. 29 (Central).—Seven Japanese planes flying from Hangchow bombed Chuki, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway south of Shaoshan, on Saturday. They released over 30 bombs which wrecked some 40 houses. No casualties were reported.

Japanese Retreat

FANCHENG, Jan. 29 (Central).—Japanese forces recently defeated north of Suihsien in north Hupch are continuing their retreat towards Anlu and Yingshan, southeast of Suihsien.

The invaders in the Kingshan-Chungsiang-Yangtzuchen area have been inactive owing to Chinese vigilance.

Chinese Attack Siaoshan

KWEILIN, Jan. 29 (Central).—A military communique released here states that Chinese forces have recaptured Kanshanchen and Yachienchen, two important points on the Siaoshan-Shaoching highway, during the week-end, and are launching a concerted attack on Siaoshan, opposite Hangchow across the Chientang River.

Yuehchangkiao, two miles south of Siaoshan, returned to Chinese hands after sharp engagement on Saturday. One unit of Chinese troops succeeded in forcing an entry into Siaoshan by the south gate but later again withdrew.

The Japanese are rushing repairs to the Chientang bridge which was damaged by Chinese forces. A large number of remnant Japanese, marooned at isolated points on the brink of the river, are being mopped up by the Chinese.

Wenchiayen, three miles west of Siaoshan, was abandoned by the Japanese following the Chinese recapture of Linpu. Many dead bodies were abandoned by the Japanese during their retreat eastward to Siaoshan.

French Deputies In England

Studying Britain's War Effort

LONDON, Jan. 28 (British Wireless).—A very warm welcome has been given to the party of French Deputies which arrived in London yesterday by British Parliamentarians with whom they will have many opportunities for common discussion and personal exchange during the visit, the programme of which has also been planned to give them means of appreciating the British war effort.

The French party is led by the former Foreign Minister, M. Delbor, who this evening broadcast a message of France describing the purpose of the visit.

Dinner At Embassy

The French Ambassador gave a dinner to-night at which representatives met members of the French delegation, and the British Government is giving a dinner to-morrow night.

On Tuesday the visitors will dine with their British colleagues at the House of Commons.

Newspapers give much prominence to the arrival of the party, and meetings with British M.Ps. are regarded as providing a useful aid to fuller mutual understanding between the elected representatives of the British and French people which is an essential foundation for the close collaboration upon which the two governments have embarked.

Lt. Holdsworth reports to the Police that his car struck two Chinese pedestrians in Nathan Road yesterday morning. The Chinese were taken to Kowloon Hospital for treatment for minor injuries.

FURTHER UNREST IN SOVIET UNION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (Domei).—A general feeling of unrest is sweeping the Soviet Union.

Increasing shortages of food and fuel, rising commodity prices and the lowest cold in a century are responsible, according to information reaching here to-day.

The report says that following the outbreak of the Soviet-Finnish war, shortage of food and fuel is rapidly increasing.

Diplomatic circles point out that internal unrest in the Soviet Union would have an immediate effect on the Soviet-Finnish war, and would eventually seriously bear on the developments of the European situation.

Nazi-Red Talks

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Domei).—Reliable information reaching here says that M. Potempkin, the assistant Soviet Foreign Commissar, will shortly proceed to Berlin. The object of his trip is not made known.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Half an hour of Dance Music.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Songs by Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.

Maybe I'm Wrong Again (Trent-Bennett); Back To Those Happy Days (Nicholls); All My Life (film 'Laughing Irish Eyes').

1.13 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and H. Robinson Cleaver (Organ).

Zampa (Herold); Poet and Peasant (Suppe)....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver; Sweetmeat Joe, The Candy Man (Croom-Johnson); A Cavalcade of Martial Tunes; Intro: There's something about a soldier; The King's Horses; When the Guards are on Parade; When a Soldier's on Parade; The Toy Drum Major.....Patricia Rossborough (Piano); Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll, Intro: The Doll Dance (Brown)....Patricia Rossborough and Robinson Cleaver.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Two Mozart Songs by Ivar Andresen (Bass).

O Isis and Osiris ("The Magic Flute"); Within These Sacred Walls ("The Magic Flute").

1.53 Mozart—Symphony in D. No. 35.

Sir Hamilton Harty conducting the Halle Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 "For the Children."

The Clockwork Courtship (Rayners)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse Part III; I Got A "Code" In My "Doze" (Fields and Others)....Gracie Fields (Vocal) with Orchestra; Studio—Story by Aunt Susan; Here Comes The Sandman (film 'Mr. Dodd takes the Air')....Elsie Carlisle (Vocal) with Orch.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 The Kentucky Minstrels.

Flight of Ages (Bevan)....Soloist: John Duncan. With Herbert Dawson at the Organ; Songs from The Kentucky Minstrels Plantation Medley (arr. Doris Arnold)....Soloists: G. Stearn Scott and John Duncan. With the Kentucky Banjo Team.

6.43 Concert Waltzes.

Ever or Never (Waldteufel); Children of Spring (Waldteufel).....Orchestra Mascotte; The Swallows (Josef Strauss)....Johann Strauss and His Viennese Orchestra; Dance Of The Fairies (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss (Dieker)....Orchestra Mascotte.

7.01 Musical Comedy Selections.

"White Horse Inn"—Selection (Erik Charell)....New Mayfair Orchestra; "Helen" — Vocal Gems (Offenbach, arr. Korngold).....Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra; "Princess Charming"—Selection (Sirmay, Ruby and Waller).....Palace Theatre Orchestra; "Viktoria and Her Hussar" (Abraham)—Vocal Gems....Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Studio—Bishop Sargent on "Opera."

8.57 Orchestral Selection.

With The Classics (arr. Sidney Crook).

9.05 Studio—Comments on Recent Events.

9.15 London Relay—The News Summary.

9.30 B.B.C. Recording—"Breakfast with the Bullfinches."

Written by Ursula Branston. Music by Various Composers; Production by William Maclurg.

10.0 A Chopin Recital by Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Grande Polonaise, Op. 22; Nocturne In B Major, Op. 9, No. 2; Nocturne in F Major, Op. 15, No. 1; Waltz In C Sharp Minor, Op. 64, No. 2.

10.22 Compositions of Brahms.

Tragic Overture, Op. 81....The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Arturo Toscanini; Vier Ernste Gesange, Op. 121—Denn es gehet dem Menschen; Die Mainacht, Op. 43, No. 2....Alexander Kipnis (Bass) and Gerald Moore (Piano); Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 2....Eileen Joyce (Piano); Hungarian Dance No. 5; Hungarian Dance No. 6....Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; Cradle Song....The Angelus Octet.

11.0 Close down.

Rex Boarded By R. N. Unit

Asama Maru Incident Had Precedent

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Jan. 28 (UP).—It is now revealed that the Italian liner Rex, in which 58 members of the crew of the scuttled German liner Columbus reached Genoa to-day, was stopped by a British warship in the Atlantic.

A boarding party went aboard the 52,000-ton Italian liner.

The German seamen were permitted to remain aboard.

It has been revealed that the Portuguese steamer Carvalho Araujo (4,560 tons), which runs between the Azores and Lisbon, was recently hailed by a British warship when off the Portuguese coast.

The warship took off 25 German passengers of military age who had been trying to return to Germany from the Azores.

Unlike the Asama Maru incident, Portugal recognises Britain's right to remove Germans of belligerent age from neutral ships, and no protest has been lodged regarding this incident.

GERMAN WOMAN IN H.K. COURT

A GERMAN woman whose husband is stated to be distantly connected with the famous German House of Rothschild appeared in a Hongkong Court this morning on a charge of entering the Colony without a valid passport.

The woman was Frau Fanny Rothschild. Her address was given as Koln, Germany.

She arrived by plane from Marseilles on January 25, stating that she was attempting to re-join her husband in Shanghai.

The Magistrate, Mr. J. T. Houston, made an order for her expulsion.

BIG HAUL BY PIRATES

A LARGE Hongkong-registered ocean-going junk is the latest victim of Chinese pirates.

Cargo valued at over $6,000 was taken form the vessel, which was en route from Swatow to Hongkong.

The incident occurred east of Sam Mun Customs Station, when two large junks approached and forced the master of the Hongkong junk, Lam Man-fung, to heave to.

According to a report to the police, about forty men were involved in the piracy. Eleven—five armed with rifles and six with revolvers—boarded the junk and locked the crew and passengers below for 48 hours.

After the cargo was transferred the pirates decamped.

CHINESE DENY "PLOT" TO ASSASSINATE ENVOY

CHUNGKING, Jan. 27 (Central News).—Referring to the allegation by a Japanese military spokesman on January 25th of a Chinese plot to assassinate Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to China, in an effort to cause a crisis in the Japanese-American relations, a spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated to-day that this was absolutely groundless.

The spokesman said he was most surprised that such an irresponsible statement should have been made by a Japanese official spokesmen.

The spokesman declared that he did not know whether there was any ulterior motive behind this allegation. But in view of the Japanese machine-gunning of the former British Ambassador to China Sir Knatchbull-Hugessen, and the bombing of the Panay he hoped that such an irresponsible statement on the part of the Japanese would not lead to any irresponsible action.

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NEWS ITEM WAS TEN YEARS OLD!

A news story published in the "Telegraph" on Saturday was, on investigation, found to be ten years old!

It related to the forthcoming arrival in Hongkong of six Officers for the China Squadron and was intended for the "A Look Through the Telegraph" feature.

The sub-editor into whose hands it passed believed it to be an item of recent news and edited it accordingly.

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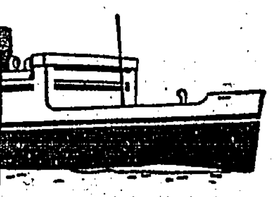

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Mary Grace's Shopping News

FLATTERING OUTFIT FOR

Frankly Forty . .

Cosy winter frock in a soft all wool material for the matronly figure. Note the scalloped V neckline with the inset vestee.

"IT'S no use pretending," a friend said, "but I'm frankly outsize. I've got nice hair and a good complexion. Now can you help me with a winter outfit that will slim me down a bit and yet be comfortable?"

"Of course I can," I replied. It is the problem of half the women in the world after they have reached their fortieth birthday. What you want is a nice well cut coat in a deep colour—not necessarily black, but specially designed to give you height and to bring your figure into a good balanced line.

A soft collar of fur also helps the shoulders and upper part.

You see by the sketches what I recommend. The coat is made in good quality fancy velour cloth with a straight looking back and a good wrap-over in front.

It is lined throughout with artificial silk and the sleeves have nice shaping at the cuff.

Dark Brown Fur

The collar of skunk opossum (you know the fur, it is very like skunk—a nice dark brown shade) can be worn open or wrapped over close to the throat to form a becoming frame for the face. Very cosy and fashionable, as well.

The colours are nigger, navy, bottle, wine and black. Wine is very fashionable this year. It suits grey and dark-haired women excellently. Brown and green suit fair and dark women, but are a little cold with grey hair. I find navy and black are becoming to all.

To wear under this coat I selected a frock also in a soft all-wool material from Pontings, which had a good deal of clever shaping to give freedom and a long unbroken line.

There was some shirring on the shoulders that gave ample room over the vest, and an inverted pleat down the whole length of the front. The bodice was cut with a deep scalloped V, with a neat vestee in a pale contrasting colour.

Colour Choice

A back tie indicated the waistline, and the colours were wine, brown, green, navy, rust and black.

WINTER	COAT
Flat Back	Two-Way Collar
Neat Sleeve	Straight Front
Brown Fur	Deep Colours

SHORT CUTS

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By combining equal parts of salt and soda you have an excellent polish for metal or porcelain surfaces. Apply as you would a powder cleanser.

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Ilka Chase, widely known stage star, often appears in public in a tailored suit—and hatless. She chooses a brownish-red lipstick and goes nail-polishless.

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To remove perfume stains from the wooden top of a vanity table, rub a little olive oil over the spots. Then rub with a fresh, soft cloth to remove excess oil.

Brown and white ridged wool is used in this two-piece suit worn by Norma Shearer. The tailored jacket with four inset pockets and wide, pointed revers has a horizontal stripe of white and is worn over a crossed beige silk vest.

Finn in Sweden For Nobel Prize

STOCKHOLM—Frans Eemil Sillanpaa, Finnish winner of the 1939 Nobel prize for literature, crossed into Sweden, Dec. 12 at Haparanda on his way here to receive his prize. He was accompanied by his family.

[The value of the Nobel prize varies from year to year, but Pearl Buck, 1938 winner for literature, received $37,957.]

Muff And Fur Hat

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—If it is time to plan your fur wardrobe, do not forget that a muff, or muffs, is important, and that fur-trimmed hats are too. Muffs are of many sizes and shapes and made of a wide range of furs. It is going to mark you as a woman "in the know" if you add a muff and fur hat to your wool dress or suit, long before there is much danger of your actually needing to keep your hands warm.

In presenting a series of stunning crocheted wool hats with muffs to match, Sally Victor recently introduced looped yarns of wool to give character to these crocheted turban ensembles. The emphasis of a clear light gray makes them look very new and significant as a new accent to wear with black or coloured costumes, or else to tone in with deeper gray shades.

The colour situation is sized up clearly—with the gray and beaver shades representing the neutrals that go so well with fur jackets and coats, and vivid colour for the alternative, with bright green and cherry red an emphasised combination; for novelty a strong pastel blue that is between turquoise and robin's egg is striking.

"FLEETING 'FLU" BACK AGAIN

"Fleeting 'flu" is back again.

This two-day variety is rampant in London, just as was at this time a year ago.

This year, it finds Britain's "'Flu Squad" under Sir Patrick Laidlaw, the scientist who discovered the invisible virus responsible for influenza, with wartime preoccupations.

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Notes On Perfumes

By JACQUELINE HUNT

WAR or no war, fashion and beauty are marching on. From troubled Paris comes word that the couturieres are doing much to uphold the country's morale these hectic days. Mme. Jeanne Lanvin has been an outstanding example, as she is keeping her entire force busy as though there were no rumblings on the Maginot Line. Femininity comes through as always. Though it might have been a knitted sock in the last strife, this time it is a bright lipstick and such amusing things as bustles and eighteen-inch waists with the aid of none too subtle corsets. A part of the feminine role is to play a glamorous, interest-diverting creature and keep men from brooding too much on swift-moving world events.

Your hero may have nothing more dangerous to struggle with than the monthly budget, but this doesn't mean that he wouldn't appreciate some comforting diversion in his daily life, provided by an attractive and intriguing you. Take advantage of every idea you can find that will make you more feminine, more appealing and lovable.

Fashion designers say that you can best get yourself into the varying moods of your new winter clothes by choosing an appropriate perfume and this is one of the foibles that men most admire in women. By experimenting with a variety of scents find the perfume that fits your clothes and pleases your companions.

If your mood is not at its best, you might pick it up considerably by a thoughtful choice of perfume. Choose a warm, heady, interesting scent if you wear wide-skirted Velasquez gowns, and you will feel like a dark-eyed Spanish beauty. Or, if you prefer one of the new supple, draped siren gowns, pick a perfume that suggests intrigue in its sweet, tantalising odour. . .

PERFUME FOR SPORTS

For sports clothes and furs, try an old favourite which has a Russian saddle leather base and a special affinity for tweeds and leathers. Leather, you know, is the newest and smartest article for either active or spectator sports.

Bustle-backed street dresses would be set off nicely by an imaginative scent that is appropriate with everything, as it seems to take on a different and individual fragrance with each wearer. The new "covered up" dinner dresses would be a perfect background for an aristocratic perfume that is subtle and elusive.

There is a world of perfume choices to-day in tiny shining spheres that contain the loveliest French perfume—in cut-glass flacons and intriguingly shaped bottles that add beauty to your dressing table and personality to you. The right perfume accessory can do more for you than a new hat perched over one eye, and it is no more of an extravagance than a new dress or smart accessory.

TO MATCH MOODS

Try several perfumes. Select a favourite that you use most of the time—that seems to become an inseparable and intangible part of your personality. But it's nice to use something different on special occasions, too—something in keeping with the mood of your frock or with the mood of the occasion.

Play your part in this modern world by contributing to the pleasure of those about you. Leave a precious breath of fragrance in your wake, because you never forget to spray your hair or fingertips with your favourite perfume. Give perfume to others, too, whenever you plan a gift that will be long remembered.

If you do not know the perfume tastes of the person for whom the gift is intended, give several of the tiniest size containers with different odours, so she can try them out at her leisure. If you do know her favourite perfume, give as large a bottle as your purse can afford, and she'll feel flattered and grateful.

NO GREATCOATS FOR A.T.S.

Members of the A.T.S. are agitating to be supplied by the War Office with greatcoats.

They complain that many of them are suffering from bad colds and pneumonia and that they need the coats to prevent further illness.

The War Office, however, say that the girls are given fleece-lined raincoats and that greatcoats are not part of the issue.

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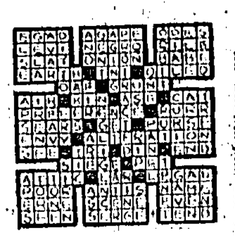
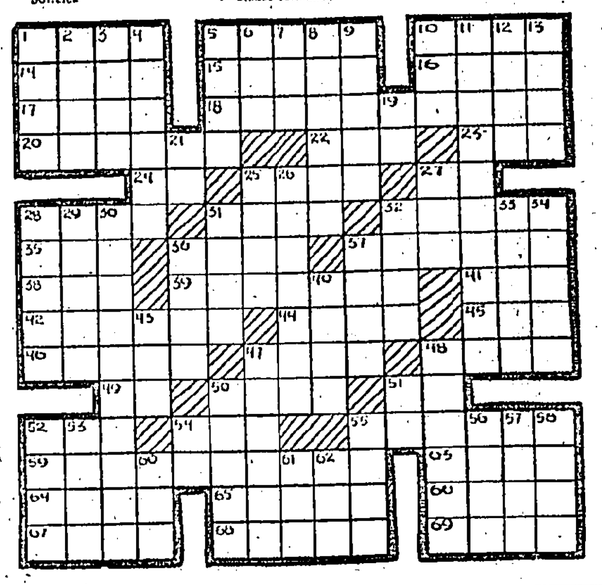


ACROSS

1—One of pace of saddle-horse
5—Bad in highest degree
10—Delicately colored gem
14—Chamber used for cooking
15—With wings
16—Dispense in small quantities
17—Material of body framework
18—Appears in character of
20—Goes within
22—Tock food
23—Girl's nickname
24—Note of scale
25—Room for bathing
27—Engineering degree
28—Leaps over
31—Money paid down
32—Pointed missiles
35—Bin
36—Long period of time (pl.)
37—Leave
38—Untruth
39—Capable of clear reasoning
41—River inlet
42—Type of element (pl.)
44—District
45—Meadow
46—Heights
47—Seal with wax
48—Article of office furniture
49—Not at all
50—No difficulty
51—This boy
52—Ultra-radical in politics
54—Single
55—Consider thoughtfully
59—Become too thoroughly conversant with
61—Business transaction
64—Wither
65—Load carried by vessel
66—Periods of time
67—In the beginning (poetic)
68—Obstructs
69—Tear

DOWN

1—Clothe
2—Hiver associated with Shakespeare
3—Unit of currency
4—Makes obeisance
5—International conflicts
6—Diminutive suffix
7—Knock sharply
8—Wide, open roller (Scot.)(Ish)
9—Chewing implements of law
10—Short poem
11—Capable of being weighed
12—Female voice
13—For fear that
19—Point of compass
21—Sun god
26—Sound of gun firing
26—Trials by jury
27—Chart
28—Tillers
29—Window built out from wall
30—Claimants to throne
31—Makes holes like dove
32—Take out
33—Woody plants
34—Broiled slice of meat
36—Additions to house
37—Native of Denmark
40—Inner portion
43—Puns
47—Ancient Roman emperor
48—Of greater consistency
50—Put into effect
51—Exclamation of greeting
57—Reddish color
53—All time
54—Spiritual essence (Sanskrit)
55—Those who play for money (coll.)
56—Defy
57—Dashing spirit
58—Repose
60—Soak flax
61—Prefix: three
62—Ovum



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THE JEWELS

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

From the novel by M. LENGYEL

Adapted from the M.-G.-M. film by Lebbeus Mitchell which will shortly be screened in Hongkong.

IT WAS on a warmish April day in Paris that the manager of the Hotel Clarence was astonished to see a bearded man wearing the fur-collared coat, fur cap and heavy boots of a Russian emerged from the revolving door and stand gawking at the lobby's magnificence.

"Is there anything I can do for you, monsieur?" he inquired.

"No, no," replied the Russian, backing hurriedly out.

The manager's atonishment turned to mystification when a second man, similarly clad, entered, stared about and beat a hasty retreat, only to be followed by a third who examined the lobby hastily as he kept turning the revolving door which ejected him as quickly as he had entered.

The three Russians went into a huddle on the sidewalk.

"Comrades," said one, "why should we lie to each other? It's wonderful!"

"Let's be honest," said the second. "Have we anything like it in Russia?"

They shook their heads in agreement.

"Can you imagine what the beds would be like in a hotel like that?" inquired the third.

"They tell me when you ring once the valet comes in," said the first. "When you ring twice you get the waiter, and when you ring three the maid comes in—a French maid!"

"Comrades," said the second, a gleam in his eyes, "if we ring nine times! . . . Let's go in!"

"Just a minute, Comrade Iranoff," said the first, "I have nothing against the idea, but I say let's go back to the Hotel Terminus. Moscow made our reservations there. We are on an official mission and have no right to change the order of our superior."

"Where is your courage, Comrade Buljanoff? Are you the Buljanoff who fought on the barricades? Are you now afraid to take a room with a bath?"

"I don't want to go to Siberia," said Buljanoff, stepping into their waiting taxi.

"If Lenin were alive," said the third Russian. "Comrade Kopalski, he would say, Buljanoff, Comrade, for once in your life you're in Paris. Don't be a fool. Go in there and ring three times."

"He wouldn't say that," objected Iranoff. "What he would say is, 'Buljanoff, you can't afford to live in a cheap hotel. Doesn't the prestige of the Bolsheviks mean *anything* to you? Do you want to live in a a hotel where you press for the hot water and cold water comes and when you press for cold water nothing comes out at all? Phooey, Buljanoff!'"

"I still say our place is with the common people," replied Buljanoff, but weakening. "But, then, who am I to contradict Lenin? Let's go in!"

THE three men entered the hotel together and approached the manager diffidently. Kopalski introduced his comrades and himself as members of the Russian Board of Trade, and inquired the price of rooms.

"I'm afraid our rates are rather stiff," said the manager, anxious to get rid of them.

"Why should *you* be afraid?"

"Oh I might be able to accommodate you," said the manager, haughtily eyeing their one suitcase. "Is there some more luggage?"

"Oh, yes, but have you a safe big enough to hold this?"

"Not in our vault, but there is one suite with a private safe, but gentleman, I'm afraid. . . . The apartment may suit your convenience but I doubt that it will fit your convictions. It's the Royal Suite."

The three Russians glanced at each other almost in consternation. Then they drew aside and consulted together in low voices.

"I warn you, Comrades," said Buljanoff, "if it gets out in Moscow that we stayed in the Royal Suite we will get into terrible trouble."

"We'll just say we had to take it," whispered Iranoff, "on account of the safe. There was no other safe big enough. It's a perfect excuse."

After further palaver, they returned to the manager. "Give us the Royal Suite," said Buljanoff. "And send up some breakfast."

WHILE his two comrades were placing the suitcase in the safe of the Royal Suite, and a Russian-looking waiter was setting the breakfast table, Kopalski went to the telephone in the antechamber.

"Connect me with Mercier, the jeweller, please."

The waiter's hand, about to place the napkin, hesitated, remained suspended over the table as he listened to Kopalski.

"I want to speak with Monsieur Mercier personally," said Kopalski into the telephone. "Monsieur Mercier? . . . This is Kopalski of the Russian Board of Trade. We arrived this morning . . . Yes, everything is here, the necklace, too. All fourteen pieces. . . . No, Monsieur, the court jewels of the Duchess Swasa consisted of but the fourteen pieces. . . . Yes, naturally we have all the necessary credentials."

The waiter hurried from the room. . .

THE maid of the Grand Duchess Swana opened the door of her apartment, and smiled at the elegant Parisian playboy who entered with the air of a man thoroughly at home.

"Good morning, Count d'Algout. Her Highness is still dressing."

"That's all right," replied the Count and entered the Duchess' boudoir with the easy air of an old friend. She turned towards him and he kissed her lightly.

"Good morning, Swana."

"It's really a wretched morning, Leon. I can't get myself right. I wanted to look mellow and I look brittle. My face doesn't compose well. I am so bored with this face! . . . Why didn't you come last night?"

"Darling, I was busy looking out for your interests. Now, you can forget horse racing, roulette and the stock market. Our worries are over! You'll be in a position to give me that platinum watch at Mercier's—you remember, the one with diamond numbers."

"Oh, Leon, you are so good to me!" she murmured, slightly mischievously, and kissed him.

"You can be rich if you say the word. I had dinner with Guizet, the newspaper publisher last night. I sold him the idea of publishing your memoirs in the Gazette Parisienne."

"Oh, Leon!" she protested.

"Sweetheart, we won't have to bother about our future if you are willing to raffle off your past!"

"Was it for this," sighed the Duchess, "that I refused to endorse Dr. Bertrand's mouthwash, or to say that the Vincent vacuum cleaner was the only one ever used by the Romanoffs! . . . And now you want me to smear my life's secrets over the front page of a tabloid!"

"I understand how you feel, but there is a limit to everything, particularly pride and dignity. The paper has a circulation of two million and Guisot is willing to pay *any* price!"

"Imagine two million clerks and shop girls peeking into my life for a sou! Think of my lovely life being wrapped around cheese and blood sausages!"

BUT Count Leon d'Algout knew his Duchess Swana and what note to play on. "Well, I am the last person to persuade you, but don't do it blindly. If this is your decision, you must be prepared for the consequences—I will have to go to work."

Swana got up and went over to him, and he knew he had been successful.

"Stop threatening, my little Volga boatman! I don't deserve this." She kissed him. "Two million readers. I know exactly what they want. Chapter I. 'A Childhood Behind Golden Bars. Lovely Little Princess Plays with Rasputin's Beard.'"

There was a rap on the door and the maid entered. "Count Rakonin asks the privilege of a few words, Your Highness."

"Count Rakonin?" queried d'Algout.

"He's a waiter at the Hotel Clarence, poor devil. You know him. Tell him I won't be able to see him for half an hour."

"The Count says if it could be as soon as possible. It is luncheon time and he's just between courses."

The Duchess, with a word of excuse, went into the living room.

"How, do you do, my friend?" she said giving the Count her hand. "Have you lost your job?"

"No, Madame, something of the utmost importance. Your jewels—"

"My jewels! Why do you bring this up after so many years?"

"They are here—your jewels! Here is Paris!"

"Alexis! Do you know what you are saying?"

"This morning three Soviet agents arrived. They are going to sell your jewels to Mercier. I overheard their telephone conversation."

"Did I hear something about jewels?" asked Leon d'Algout, appearing in the doorway.

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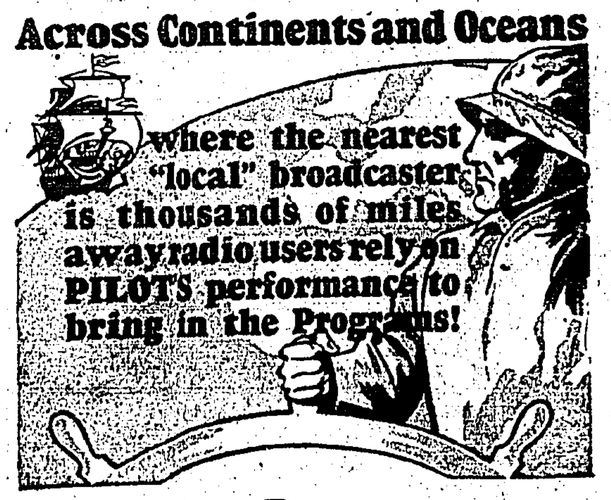

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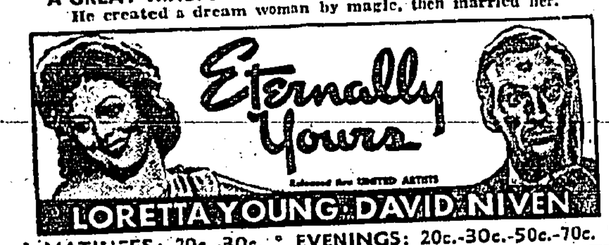

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Europe Must Be Freed From Perpetual Threats Of Violence, Says Hitler—And Names England!

NAZI PROPAGANDISTS STEAL OUR THUNDER

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A review of Nazi propaganda during the past month shows that it is developing steadily on one of its fundamental principles—accusing the Allies of the weakness the Nazis suffer from themselves.

This principle went into operation when the Nazis realised how greatly German sources of news were discredited. So the Nazis now proceed to try to discredit Allied news.

NAZI "WAR AIMS"

One of the most striking features of this has been on the subject of war and peace aims.

In the New Year message to the German people, Hitler decided to announce the German war aims. So he took over the war aims of the Allies!

Germany and Europe must be freed from violence and the perpetual threats which proceeded from England, he said.

This, comment semi-official circles in London, comes odd from the man who annexed Austria, seized Czecho-Slovakia and plunged Europe into war by attacking Poland.

EFFECTIVENESS OF BIG LIE

Still, it is in keeping with "Mein Kampf," which stresses the effectiveness of a "big lie" as opposed to a small one.

In order to keep the tyrannised German workers quiet, the Nazis rant about the tyranny exercised in the British Empire and go back to the 18th, 17th and 16th centuries to find examples. Similar methods are used in the propaganda about the sea war, religious freedom, free speech and so on.

It is interesting thus to watch the development of Nazi propaganda trying to conceal Nazi weaknesses, not by defending them, but by making similiar claims against the Allies.

Churchill's Speech Distorted

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—German propaganda is already trying to distort the speech made by Mr. Winston Churchill at Manchester.

The newspaper, "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," which is in close touch with the Nazi Foreign Office, said that Mr. Churchill reproached neutrals for "shirking from what is alleged to be their war."

There is no attempt to prove this point or back it up and Mr. Churchill himself would be somewhat puzzled to find out where they got this idea except possibly from his reference to the fact that Nazi sympathy for neutrals has been chiefly shown by sinking their ships.

Three Word War Communique

Paris, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—For the fifth day in succession, this morning's French communique said, "Nothing to report."

It is learned that British and French sea patrols carried out a number of attacks on U-boats, but no details are yet available.

JAPANESE THRUSTS REPULSED

Renewed Activity On China's War Fronts

Following general inactivity during the recent cold spell, many test thrusts by small units of Japanese forces on the Central China fronts were made during the week-end. Reports from Chungking state, however, that all these thrusts were repulsed.

In South Hupeh, Japanese forces at Tungshan opened up a severe artillery barrage on the Chinese positions at Kuling, Fuling and nearby points. An infantry charge followed, but Chinese machine-gun posts, nestling among the hills beat back the Japanese troop.

On the Hupeh-Hunan border, the Japanese at Tungcheng lost some 100 men in an attack on Pachioshan across the river on the evening of January 25.

Attacks Repulsed

On the North Kiangsi front, two Japanese drives from the bank of the Chin River were repulsed on Saturday. The invaders used artillery and gas bombs, it is alleged, but failed to dislodge the Chinese defenders.

A Japanese thrust at Posiangchen, west of Tsinyang in North Honan, under cover of artillery fire was repulsed by the Chinese on Saturday. The Japanese are stated to have sustained heavy casualties.

A belated report from Shiukwan states that two Japanese attempts to drive into the centre of Hainan Island from the south-eastern cost were frustrated by Chinese resistance in the early part of this month. On January 5, a part of the Japanese garrison at Manning, an important Hainan city near the coast, opened a drive on Fengkaling, a Chinese stronghold to the west, with the support of five scouting planes.

The Japanese troops, it is claimed, were ambushed in the hills and the remnants had to flee to Manning.

On January 3, a Japanese company at Aihsien, chief city of South Hainan, started a similar drive on Loktung along the highway with two planes in attendance. The Japanese were beaten back after several hours of brisk fighting.

QUICK WORK BY H.K. POLICE

Armed Robbers Seized Within Few Minutes

ANOTHER instance of quick work on the part of the Hongkong Police was provided on Saturday afternoon, when L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective rounded up a gang of armed robbers within a few minutes of an armed robbery.

The entire proceeds of the robbery were recovered.

The robbery occurred at 75 Nam Cheong Street, occupied by the Luen Fat money-changing establishment.

Five men, all armed with revolvers, participated in the attack, binding the six occupants of the premises with wire.

While they were ransacking the premises, two detectives approached and arrested an armed look-out at the point of the revolver.

The four men in the building were, however, warned and escaped through a side door.

They were chased for some distance by the two detectives who fired shots into the air in an effort to stop them. The detectives were unable to fire at the men owing to the danger of hitting other pedestrians.

A few minutes later, acting on information, L/Sergt. Macpherson and a Chinese detective visited the Kau Toi hotel where three men and a woman were arrested. A revolver and five rounds of ammunition, together with the proceeds of the robbery, were found.

Japanese Envoys Meet At Budapest

BUDAPEST, JAN. 27 (Domei).—A four-day conference of Japanese diplomats from various countries in Europe concluded to-day. The conference was calculated to exchange information and discuss recent developments in Europe, especially in the Balkans.

Conferees included Mr. Eiji Amau, the Japanese Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Teruo Hachiya, Japanese Minister to Bulgaria, Mr. Kojiro Inouye, Japanese Minister to Hungary, and Mr. Zuhiko Usami, Japanese Minister to Switzerland.

British Recruiting Office In France

PARIS, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—A British Embassy communique has announced the establishment of a British recruiting office in Paris.

British subjects resident in France between the ages of 20 and 50 who desire to volunteer for service in the British Army are asked to communicate with the recruiting office.

The announcement adds that recruiting centres will be established throughout France.

GALA PREMIERE FOR CHARITY

The major part of the proceeds of the gala premiere of the picture "Juarez", starring Paul Muni and Bette Davis, which will take place on February 6, at 9.30 p.m. at the King's Theatre, will be devoted to the International Peace Hospital for the care of wounded soldiers in China.

The film, which deals with the liberation of Mexico, has been called the best picture of 1939, and Paul Muni's characterisation of Juarez, the country's greatest President, is perhaps the most successful of his career.

His Excellency Sir Geoffry Northcote and Lady Northcote have kindly consented to be present.

LATE NEWS

JAPAN REJECTS REPLY

To Demand Return Of 21 Germans

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (Domei).—It is understood that Japan has rejected the British reply to the protest regarding the Asama Maru incident.

The Japanese Foreign Office is now preparing a second protest, which will probably be presented to Sir Robert Craigie to-morrow.

In its second protest, Japan will invoke the right reserved in the first Note and will formally demand the return of the German passengers removed from the Asama Maru and now interned in Hongkong.

Following a study of the British reply, the Foreign Office is understood to have reached the following conclusions:

1.—The Japanese interpretation of International Law as affecting the Asama Maru incident differs from the British interpretation;

2.—Japan's view is not regulated by any specific circumstances, and there seems to be a serious misunderstanding on this point on the part of the British Government;

3.—The Asama Maru, a neutral ship, was stopped and searched while sailing from a neutral country to a neutral country.

4.—The technical aspects of the British Navy's action are far from being lawful.

Johnson In Hankow

HANKOW, Jan. 29 (Domei).—The U.S. Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, has arrived at Hankow from Shanghai. He travelled by the Yangtse route.

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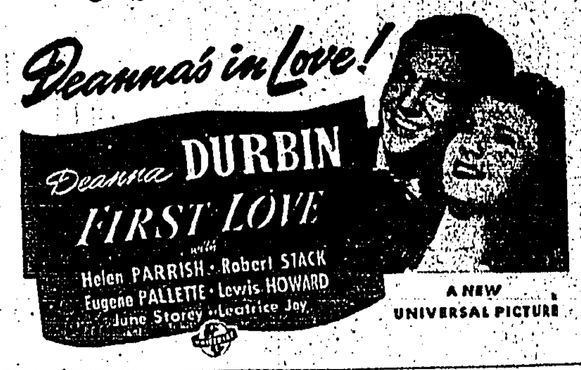

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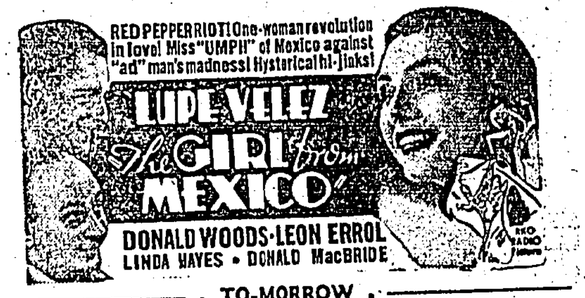

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Sir Kingsley Wood Meets Polish Airmen

"WITH MY FOREHEAD I GREET YOU"

LONDON, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—"Soldiers, with my forehead I greet you," said Sir Kingsley Wood in Polish when he visited on Saturday several hundred Polish airmen who are now connected with the R.A.F. somewhere in England.

"With our forehead, Mr. Minister, we greet you," replied the Poles in their own language.

The Poles wear R.A.F. uniforms with the addition of the Polish eagle on the caps and the word "Poland" on the sleeves.

The Polish national flag flies from the same mast as the R.A.F. flag over their aerodrome.

British Help For Stricken Turks

ISTANBUL, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—The British delegate to help in the distribution of clothing, medicines, food and other relief to earthquake victims reached Istanbul to-day.

He was given an official welcome. He is proceeding to the stricken area to-morrow.

Pres. Quezon Survivors

112 Landed At Kobe From Japanese Ship

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KOBE, Jan. 28 (Domei).—Thirteen passengers and 99 members of the crew of the liner President Quezon, which was wrecked off Tanegashima Island on Saturday morning arrived here this afternoon aboard the O.S.K. liner, Ukishima Maru.

The Ukishima Maru picked up them at the scene of the disaster.

It was understood that one person is missing. Most of the crew members are Filipinos.

Staying here overnight, they will leave for home to-morrow aboard the President Cleveland.

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